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# House (former Ladies College), 14 Ligar Street, STAWELL



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STAWELL

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## Location

14 Ligar Street STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The house at 14 Ligar Street, Stawell, has significance as a former private school that originally operated as the Stawell Ladies College under the direction of a Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dumerque. Built in 1874, the school building was enlarged in 1878 and during the ensuing years from 1884 until 1905, it changed hands on a number of occasions, becoming known as "Glenara", "Marmion" and "Harvard College". The building also has significance as an intact example of the Victorian style, and appears to be in good condition when viewed from the street.

The house at 14 Ligar Street is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of the Victorian style. These qualities include the elongated hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with the gable roof and bullnosed verandah that project towards the street frontage. Other intact or

appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, horizontal timber weatherboard wall cladding, timber panelling and quoinwork simulating blockwork on the front gable, green painted galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, rendered brick chimneys with projecting tops, narrow eaves, timber framed double hung windows, four panelled timber door with sidelights, projecting faceted bay window and the turned timber finial on the gable end.

The house at 14 Ligar Street is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with the development of the private school originally known as the Stawell Ladies College. Built in 1874 for a Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dumerque, the building was enlarged in 1878 and by 1884 it was known as "Glenara", operated by the Misses McKay. The school building also has significance as the "Marmion" school operated by Miss Westmorland, and as "Harvard College" when owned by Mr. Albert Hale between 1895 and 1899. The building has further significance as a private home for over 100 years.

Overall, the house at 14 Ligar Street, Stawell, is of **LOCAL** significance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004;
Other Names	Ladies College,
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## Physical Description 1

The house at 14 Ligar Street, Stawell, is set on a substantial allotment, and has an average sized front setback. The front comprises a recent garden with perimeter flower and shrubbery, and a recent brick fence with piers at regular bays.

The asymmetrical, single storey, predominantly horizontal timber weatherboard, Victorian styled house is characterised by a long hipped roof form that traverses the site, together with a gable roof and bullnosed verandah that project towards the street frontage. There is also a skillion roof at the rear that has been introduced. These roof forms are clad in green painted galvanised corrugated iron. Two early rendered brick chimneys with projecting tops adorn the roofline. Narrow overhangs are feature of the eaves.

A feature of the design is the bullnosed verandah. It appears to be supported by introduced timber columns with introduced timber bracket and fretwork valances.

The projecting front gable is clad in early timber panelling simulating blockwork, with projecting timber quoinwork at the corners. Other early features of the design include the four panelled front timber door with sidelights, timber framed double hung windows, and the turned timber finial in the gable end.

The form of the projecting faceted bay may be early, although the timber windows could have replaced earlier windows but are appropriate. The timber panelling under the bay reflects early work.

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