
Stawell Secondary College, (Former State School No. 1986), 79-97 Patrick Street, STAWELL



SL 257 - Stawell Secondary College, (Former State School No. 1986)

Location

79-97 Patrick Street STAWELL, NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

NORTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Listing

Northern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

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The Stawell Secondary College, Wonga Campus, building, 79-97 Patrick Street, Stawell, has significance as a relatively externally intact example of an unusual High Victorian Eclectic Gothic style. Built in 1877 and derived from the Education Department's Competition School design, the building appears to be in fair condition from the street.

The Stawell Secondary College, Wonga Campus, building, Patrick Street, is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities of a High Victorian Eclectic Gothic style. These qualities include the gable roof form that traverses the site, together with two flanking gables that project at the front and

rear, a castellated tower and a minor gabled porch that also project towards the street frontage. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, rendered and unpainted brick chimneys with projecting cornice cappings, modest eaves, coursed granite base walls, cream brickwork forming horizontal bands, quoinwork, pointed arched window voussoirs and voussoirs framing the oculus ventilators in the main gable ends, large timber finials in the main gable ends, trefoil motif in the minor porch gable end, timber framed double hung multi paned windows, pointed windows and ventilation openings, together with blind pointed arches of the tower, stuccoed label moulds to the pointed arches of the windows, brick buttresses with stuccoed copings, stuccoed tablet on the main facade and the stuccoed castellated parapet to the tower.

The Stawell Secondary College, Wonga Campus, building, Patrick Street, is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. The building is associated with primary education in Stawell from 1878 until 1911 and secondary education from 1912.

The Stawell Secondary College, Wonga Campus, building, Patrick Street, is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and highly valued by the Stawell community for educational reasons.

Overall, the Stawell Secondary College, Wonga Campus, building, Patrick Street, is of **LOCAL** significance.

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Physical Description 1

The Stawell Secondary College building, Patrick Street, Stawell, is set on a large allotment. There are perimeter flower gardens with concrete kerbs near the front of the building, and substantial asphalt paving. Other later buildings are situated to the sides.

The asymmetrical, single storey, unpainted polychrome brick, High Victorian Eclectic Gothic styled Stawell Secondary College building is characterised by a gable roof form that traverses the site, together with two flanking gables that project at the front and rear, a castellated tower and a minor gabled porch that also project towards the street frontage. The gabled roof forms are clad in introduced tiles. Two early rendered and unpainted brick chimneys with projecting cornice cappings adorn the roofline. Modest overhangs are features of the eaves. The building rests on a coursed granite base.

An early feature of the design is the cream brickwork, forming horizontal bands, quoinwork, pointed arched window voussoirs and voussoirs framing the oculus ventilators in the main gable ends. The projecting gable ends also have large timber finials, with the minor gable porch featuring a trefoil motif in the gable end.

The early timber framed double hung multi paned windows are arranged as single bays along the traversing gable and side facades, as a large opening on one gable end and as paired windows on the other gable. The castellated tower also features pointed windows and ventilation openings, together with blind pointed arches. These arches are also accentuated by stuccoed label moulds.

Other early features of the design include the brick buttresses with stuccoed copings, stuccoed tablet on the main facade and the stuccoed castellated tower parapet.

The original roofing has been replaced and the finials removed. The air conditioning units on the roof and clearly visible from the street, have been introduced.

Comparative

The design for the Stawell Secondary College building has been derived from the Buninyong State School No. 1270 (1874) design by W.H. Ellerker, and the Creswick State School No. 122 design (1874). The design has a unique porch tower.

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