
St Patricks School No. 782, 51-61 Patrick Street, STAWELL



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Location

51-61 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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St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School No. 782, Patrick Street, Stawell, makes a significant architectural and visual contribution to the local area. This building has significance as a largely intact example of interwar school design by the Roman Catholic Church. Constructed in 1934, this building replaced an earlier brick school building that had been built in 1895.

St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School No. 782 is **architecturally** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It demonstrates original design qualities for a school building constructed during the interwar period. These qualities include the simple gable roof form that traverses the site, and the rendered central bay, with its stepped

parapet, cross, blind trefoil tracery motifs and flanking projecting pointed piers with incised crosses and rectangular panels. Other intact qualities include the single storey height, unpainted brick wall construction, lapped galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding (painted red), wide eaves, banks of early timber framed double hung 12 paned windows with 6 paned hopper sashes arranged in pairs, and the unpainted brick buttresses with sloped rendered copings. The front brick fence with pointed piers, scrolled steel gates, and the eucalypts and mature cypresses also contribute to the significance of the place.

St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School No. 782 is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is associated with Catholic education which began in Stawell in 1858 and continues today. The school is also associated with the presence of the Sisters of St. Joseph Order in Stawell since 1924.

St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School No. 782 is **socially** significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and highly valued by the Stawell community for religious and educational reasons.

Overall, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School No. 782 is of **LOCAL** significance.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Northern Grampians - Shire of Northern Grampians - Stage 2 Heritage Study, Wendy Jacobs, Vicki Johnson, David Rowe, Phil Taylor, 2004; |
| Hermes Number | 112562 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

St. Patrick's Primary School, Patrick Street, Stawell, makes a significant architectural and visual contribution to the local area. Situated on a wide allotment, the school building has large front and side setbacks. The front is bound by an early brick fence with pointed piers that are punctuated by tubular steel rails. At the front are also early scrolled steel gates. The grounds are characterised by open grassed and concrete areas, with some eucalypts and mature cypresses.

The single storey, unpainted brick, interwar school building is characterised by a simple gable roof form that traverses the site, which is clad in lapped galvanised corrugated iron painted red. Wide overhangs are a feature of the eaves.

A feature of the main facade is the rendered central bay, with its stepped parapet crowned with a cross and decorated with blind trefoil tracery motifs. Flanking the central bay are projecting pointed piers with incised crosses and rectangular panels. Banks of early timber framed double hung 12 paned windows with 6 paned hopper sashes are arranged in pairs on the central bay and also along the flanking bays. Other early features of the design including the brick buttresses with sloped rendered copings.

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