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# Dwelling (former Djerriwarrh State School / Djerriwarrh Creek School)



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Djerriwarrh School No1635, 1916 (probably in front of shelter Bill Griffin, centre, front row Herald Sun, 12 July 1994)

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## Location

21 Lerderderg Park Road, Merrimu, MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Municipality

MOORABOOL SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO180

## Heritage Listing

Moorabool Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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The former Djerriwarrh State School at 21 Lerderderg Park Road, Merrimu.

How is it significant?

The former Djerriwarrh State School at 21 Lerderderg Park Road, Merrimu is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the Shire of Moorabool.

Why is it significant?

The former Djerriwarrh State School at 21 Lerderderg Park Road, Merrimu is of local historical significance as an important remaining public building indicating the former existence of a settlement at Djerriwarrh. No other civic buildings remain to indicate that a more populous settlement was located near the Djerriwarrh Creek. The former Djerriwarrh Creek School successfully operated from 1875 until 1931 at a site on the crest of Anthony's Cutting. It is of historical significance for its associations with educational developments in the Bacchus Marsh area.

The former Djerriwarrh State School at 21 Lerderderg Park Road, Merrimu is of aesthetic significance as a relatively intact example of a Standard Education Department 40-type schoolroom designed to accommodate 40 pupils. Features of note dating from the former school use include the main gable roofed schoolroom, 12-pane double hung sash window, entry door, and weatherboard cladding.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moorabool - Bacchus Marsh Heritage Study 1995, Richard Peterson and Daniel Catrice, 1995;
Other Names	Djerriwarrh Creek School,
Hermes Number	119207
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

Good

## Intactness

The former school, although built around is as far as can be seen, remarkably intact. It lacks a porch, there are the additions described already. The paint colours are sympathetic.

SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:

FORM. FACADE. VERANDAH. PLAN.

ROOF DECORATION.

DOORS. WINDOWS. PAINTWORK SCHEME.

OUTBUILDINGS.

FENCES/GATES.

PLANTING FORMATION.

AGRICULTURAL BUILDING.

## Physical Description 1

A standard Education Department timber 40-type school classroom designed to accommodate 40 pupils. It has a gable-roof facing, with a vent in the gable, 12-pane double-hung sash window and door. A skillion verandah on two sides and a skillion extension with external chimney have been added for its relocation and conversion to a farm house. There is an H.V. McKay "Sunshine" brand, cast iron vehicular gate and a two short lengths of post and rail fence and various timber farm buildings. Poplars form a roadside windbreak. (Sketch plan, refer: 312).

## **Historical Australian Themes**

Townships / Governing/ Community life.

## **Usage/Former Usage**

USE: Farmhouse,

PREVIOUS USE: School.

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