MERLYNSTON STATE SCHOOL NO.4328 (FORMER)



former merlynston primary school



former merlynston PS entrance

Location

58-60 BAKERS ROAD, COBURG NORTH, MORELAND CITY

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO395

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?
The former Merlynston State School No.4328, designed by the Public Works Department under the direction of E. Evan Smith and constructed by 1929, at 58-60 Bakers Road, Coburg North. The original form, siting, detailing materials and finishes of the building,and the high degree of external integrity when viewed from Bakers Road contributes to the significance of the place.

Non-original alterations and additions and other buildings on the site are not significant.

How is it significant?
The former Merlynston State School No.4328 is of local historic and architectural significance to Moreland City.

Why is it significant?
It is historically significant as evidence of the facilities that were built to cater for the significant population growth in Coburg North in the 1920s. (Criterion A)

It is architecturally significant as a typical example of the Classically-influenced suburban schools that were designed during the 1920s under the direction of E. Evan Smith, chief architect of the Public Works Department. (Criterion D)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Moreland - North of Bell Street Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2013;
Construction dates	1929,
Architect/Designer	Smith, Edwin Evan, Public Works Department,
Other Names	Australian International Academy King Khalid Coburg Campus,
Hermes Number	140016
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The former Merlynston State School is a large red-brick building with minimal classical detailing. The main, two-storey section of the building has a transverse gable roof, with single-storey hipped pavilions on either end. The roof is clad in variegated Marseille tiles. The entrance is marked by a three-storey, hipped roof 'tower' at the centre of the facade. At the ground floor level below the tower is a projecting entrance porch of three round-arched openings. The piers supporting the arches have simple, stylised capitals. The porch has a flat roof and is not visually integrated with the body of the building. This is heightened by the contrast between the render of the porch and the red brick of the rest.

The walls of the building are enlivened by brick quoins defining the tower, as well as spandrel panels articulated by bands of recessed bricks. The tall windows have six-light highlights above six-over-six sashes. These windows are used in single, double and tripartite configurations.

While there are large additions to the rear of the building, these are not visible from the street. Overall the school is highly intact as viewed from Baker's Road. It now houses the King Khalid College.

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