
Former Wymond Girls School



Review of B Graded Buildings
in Kew, Camberwell &
Hawthorn

Location

180 Cotham Road KEW, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO150

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

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Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Review of B Graded Buildings in Kew, Camberwell and Hawthorn, Lovell Chen Architects & Heritage Consultants, 2006; Boroondara - City of Kew Urban Conservation Study, Pru Sanderson Design Pty Ltd, 1988; Boroondara - Municipal-Wide Heritage Gap Study Volume 4: Kew, Context, 2018;
Construction dates	1889,
Other Names	Wymond Girls School,
Hermes Number	14760
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

180 Cotham Road is a double-fronted single-storey late Victorian house, of overpainted rendered brick with a slate roof and galvanized iron ridge capping. The front elevation is asymmetrically planned with a projecting gable-ended bay with scrolled bargeboards and incorporating a canted bay with slate roof. The windows to the canted bay have large sashes, and do not appear to be original (new windows were approved in 1979).[i] At the time of site inspection the marble paving to the verandah floor was in the process of being renewed. The original plan form of the house is shown on the MMBW Detail Plan No. 65 of 1904 (with later overlay). It shows the main wing of the original house with verandahs facing both north and south, and a service wing extending towards the rear of the site.

The south-facing verandah has since been removed, and the rear sections of the house have been substantially remodelled and extended. These alterations include - from an unknown date - a large addition (possibly originally on one level but now two-storey) set flush with the original rear wall of the front wing and projecting out to the western boundary of the site. The 1974 works focused on this wing as well as the rear sections of the original house. [ii] The two-storey addition is visible in photographs from the early 1980s and in the 1988 photograph in the Kew Urban Conservation Study. Since this time the wing appears to have been altered again, receiving a period window treatment (unspecified alterations were approved in 1993).[iii]

The transverse steel car port at the rear of the site, installed in 1970,[iv] was replaced by a timber carport in 1996.[v]

At the front of the site, the high timber paling fence seen in 1982 photographs by John Collins[vi] was replaced in 1995 by a new rendered masonry fence.[vii] There appear to be remnants of early paving down either side of the site. Two large pines are located in the front garden; it is believed these were planted by children when the house functioned as a school.[viii]

[i] See the City of Kew Building Index, #8164, dated 17 September 1979.

[ii] Charles Duncan, working drawings, dated 8 May 1974. Drawings sourced from City of Kew Building Index, #4665, dated 26 June 1974.

[iii] 'Additions and alterations', City of Boroondara Building Index, #93/6662. These are not specified.

[iv] Details sourced from the City of Kew Building Index, #1796, dated 19 March 1970.

[v] Details sourced from the City of Boroondara Building Index, #SP1303/96/0003. dated 19 January 1996.

[vi] Three 1982 photographs by John Collins of the house at 180 Cotham Street are held by the State Library of Victoria.

[vii] Details sourced from the City of Boroondara Building Index, #5491, dated 21 September 1995.

[viii] The property was visited on 23 December 2005. Discussions with the present owner, Mr Levine.

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