
AUBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 2948



Hawthorn Heritage study
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Location

51 Rathmines Road HAWTHORN EAST, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1707

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO110

HO151

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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Significance of Individual Property

1. Architecturally significant as one of the best examples of the two storey picturesque Gothic schools, a style strongly encouraged by the new powerful Education Department from 1872. A late example of this style.
2. Socially significant for its community focus in the Rathmines Village area.

HO151 Harcourt Street Precinct, Hawthorn

The Harcourt Street Precinct, Hawthorn, is an area of heritage significance for the following reasons:

- Harcourt Street features a concentration of nineteenth century mansions of a high level of design, a number of which retain expansive grounds.
- The mansion houses are interspersed with series of distinctive and substantial Federation designs, and interwar houses in Tudor and related modes.
- The southern part of the precinct is notable for smaller middle class houses on Rathmines Road, Auburn Road, some with miniature arched tower-form porches of a type occasionally seen in Canterbury and Kew. These are accompanied by broad single-fronted, single-storey verandahed Italianate middle-class housing in Bayview Avenue and Molesworth Street. This stock is largely intact, usually with stonepatterned timber facades or polychrome brickwork, often with mature gardens and sometimes with original fencing.
- The mansion designs by the noted architect John Beswicke, in an Italianate mode that complemented his designs for Hawthorn and Camberwell Town Halls and the Glenferrie and Auburn shopping centres. The south and west end has similarly vigorous and distinctive designs by a later generation of architects, as well as the Auburn Primary School at 51 Rathmines Road, built in stages from 1890.
- The character of the area is enhanced and rendered distinctive by broad kerbside lawns and mature street trees, arching over Harcourt Street and Higham Road within the precinct boundaries. The William Angliss Reserve, adjacent to the precinct at its east end, visibly separates the precinct from neighbouring areas and reinforces its garden character.

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Physical Description 1

Although extended several times the picturesque styling of this building has been consistently executed. The main section is two storeys. At ground level is a single level entrance door with elaborate gable barge embellishment. To the left a two storey gabled wing forms one leg of the original design. It is decoratively executed in polychrome brickwork using brown, red and cream bricks. The window openings are relatively small and multipaned, almost in tudor style. Above, the gable barge is heavily decorated with quatrefoils and dentil coursing. The steeply pitched gable roof includes small ventilator dormers, a circular bellcote and dramatic polychrome chimney stacks. To the right hand side of the entry is a second two storey wing, wider than the first and similarly detailed, though the windows on the first floor are paired and enclosed within a large lancet arch. The quatrefoil pattern is either missing or was not constructed on this gable barge. A single storey wing attaches to the central two storey gable with matching paired vents and similar gable barge details. Windows are substantially larger to this wing however. The whole is set on a bluestone base and stands in now extensive grounds. The building is a landmark in Rathmines Road and dominates the open parklands adjoining.

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