
Mackillop House (Sisters of St Joseph)



Hawthorn Heritage study
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Location

13 Havelock Road HAWTHORN, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO40

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

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1. Possibly the largest, and perhaps the most showy of the numerous 1880s boom period mansions constructed in Hawthorn. The four sided colonnade form and its bayed form are rare in Melbourne.
2. Built in 1889-1891 for Henry Graham, importer, this substantial former residence has significance as an example of the mansion houses in extensive garden settings built during the boom years in suburban Hawthorn. It has been used as a convent by the Sisters of St. Joseph since the 1940s.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Hawthorn Heritage study 1992, Meredith Gould, Conservation Architects, 1992;
Other Names	Sisters of St Joseph, Graham's Folly, McKillop House, 1-3 Denmarkhill Road,
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Physical Description 1

A massive Italianate mansion of three storeys (the lowest a half basement) with a three stage tower projecting a storey beyond the upper floor. The two storey colonnade which dominates the design extends to all four sides. On the front it is broken by the slightly projecting tower. On the adjoining sides it includes bay projection which distorts the arches of the colonnade into unusual shapes.

The colonnade is composed of Corinthian columns. Arches between the columns are variously shaped to accommodate the space available. On the bays, the columns are paired at the corners, causing a pointed arch to be formed between the two.

The windows are simple half round arch head elements, generally grouped in pairs. The balustrade detailing is repeated on the parapet to the whole design.

On the tower an arcade is implied on the top level and below, small window openings are embellished by applied pediments.

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