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# Gordon Technical College original building and extensions 1887-1916 including interior

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## Location

6 Fenwick Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 213201

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1019

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1640

HO153

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE - GRC (Historic Places Document Sheet)

The foundation stone of the Gordon Technical College was laid on 20th June, 1887 by the Jon Francis Ormond. M.L.C. a principal benefactor. Geelong architect Alexander Davidson designed the first building in the Scots Jacobean revival style derived from the work of his former master David Cousins of Edinburgh. The original was subsequently extended in a sympathetic and appropriate manner in 1889, 1891 and 1916. Like the former Working Men's College in Melbourne also founded by Ormond, the Gordon technical College has important foundations association with education of the working class in Victoria, is the genesis of the Deakin University, and a significant monument to General Gordon of Khartoum.

## RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

Historic Buildings Council Register

Australian Heritage Commission register of the National Estate.

National trust of Australia (Victoria) register

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Hermes Number	18619
Property Number	

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