
Geelong Grammar School and Residence (former)

Location

55 MAUD STREET AND 55A MAUD STREET GEELONG - PROPERTY NUMBERS 215643,215644, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0188

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1006

HO1641

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study Volume 2, Allan Willingham, 1986; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volumes 2-5, Graeme Butler, 1991; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study Volume 1, Graeme Butler, 1993; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volume 4(a), Helen Lardner, 1995;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	19576
Property Number	

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