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# KEILOR PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 1578

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## Location

2-20 BONFIELD STREET KEILOR, BRIMBANK CITY

## Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2335

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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### Historical Significance

The Bonfield Reserve school site is historically important for the display of 139 year old architectural remains of Keilor State Primary School No. 1578.

There is the potential for other items of cultural heritage significance to be discovered through ground excavation as the site was populated as a primary school through the years 1875 to 1940

Archaeological  
Significance

The visible remains of the school comprise a series of exposed bluestone blocks, flush with the surrounding grass ground surface, which mark the footprint of the school. However, not all of the footprint is visibly defined and it is not clear whether these blocks represent the top of the bluestone wall portion, with the remainder surviving beneath, or simply a remnant of the foundation.

A depression indicating the presence of some form of subsurface feature lies to the north of the school footprint. This is likely a well or underground water tank.

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Property Number

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## History

The site is of School No. 1578 which was opened on July 5 1875. The building comprised a single classroom measuring c. 14.5m x 6m together with a square porch at its northern end. In her book written in 2000, 'Keilor Primary School No. 1578, 1875-2000', Christina Laskowski states that it was built of brick on a bluestone foundation, and historic photographs show that this foundation extended above ground to form the lower portion of the walls. See attached excerpt of publication by Christine Laskowski in Site Card.

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