
KEILOR PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 1578

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

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.

Hermes Number 197102

Property Number

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.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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