
FORMER BENDIGO EAST STATE SCHOOL NO.3893



The main building of the former Bendigo East school, viewed from the east

Location

93 STRICKLAND ROAD, EAST BENDIGO - PROPERTY NUMBER 227652, GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Municipality

GREATER BENDIGO CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO891

Heritage Listing

Greater Bendigo City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - October 11, 2023

What is significant?

The brick school building at the former Bendigo East State School is of local historical, aesthetic (architectural) and social significance.

How is it significant?

The brick school building at the former Bendigo East State School is of local historical, social and aesthetic (architectural) significance.

Why is it significant?

The main school building at the former Bendigo East State School is of historical significance as evidence of the expansion of the East Bendigo area in the 1910s. The increasing industry in the area, including the establishment of the railway workshops in 1912, resulted in an influx of inhabitants and the consequent need for schooling facilities for the children of the workers. It is also of historical significance as a major focus for primary education for a period of approximately 80 years. The school clearly was a major focus for the local community, as reflected in the choice of the site for the establishment of an avenue of honour following WWI (since removed). (Criterion A)

The main brick school building at the former Bendigo East State School is of architectural significance as a good and externally relatively intact example of a brick school building of the 1910s. The building exhibits design qualities and detailing typical of the early twentieth century. Of note are the elaborate rendered pediment and the use of roughcast finish, including to the distinctive tapered chimneys in combination with the red brick. (Criterion E)

Bendigo East State School, which closed in the mid-1990s, has been a long-standing focus for the Bendigo community and there is a level of local attachment to the place particularly on the part of former pupils. (Criterion G)

Theme

8. Building community life

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Bendigo - White Hills & East Bendigo Heritage Study 2014, Lovell Chen, 2015;
Construction dates	1915,
Architect/Designer	Public Works Department,
Hermes Number	199348
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Description and integrity

The former Bendigo East State School is located on a large allotment to the north-west corner of Strickland Road and Murphy Street in East Bendigo.

The main school building is a single-storey brick structure set on a stone plinth, asymmetrical in plan, with a hipped roof clad with slate, punctuated by three rendered brick chimneys. Roughcast rendered detailing features to the main south facade and the west elevation, while large multi-paned windows feature to the south elevation. The projecting east wing is balanced by a smaller entry wing to the west. This wing has an elaborate rendered pediment, inscribed with lettering reading 'Bendigo East School No. 3893 - 1915'. The double entry doors appear to be non-original. The north elevation has a skillion-roofed timber structure which while not inspected at close quarters, appears to be an addition.

The area immediately surrounding the main building is asphalted for playing surfaces, while the remainder of the site is informally landscaped with a number of mature gum trees. Demountable classrooms and outbuildings are

located to the north and east of the main building.

Intactness

Fair

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