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# Matthew Flinders High School



Matthew Flinders GSC 1



Matthew Flinders GSC 2



Matthew Flinders Gates 1

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## Location

15 Myers Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 216613

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1645

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1639

HO195

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The former Flinders national School was erected in 1857 to the design of celebrated Geelong firm of architects Backhouse and Reynolds. Styled in the innovative Italianate mode and constructed with a dominant central tower, this cement rendered masonry structure has significant associations with early development of education in Geelong. The second headmaster, G. P. Morrison later established the Geelong College. Matthew Flinders Girls School survives as an important work of Backhouse and Reynolds and one of the finest of the early national Schools in Victoria, although the original building has been concealed by subsequent sympathetic alterations.

## RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register.

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate.

Historic Buildings Council Register.

## REFERENCES

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Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	20067
Property Number	

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