

# St Marys Catholic College, part facing Fenwick St (former St Agnes Girls College)



Former St Agnes Ladies  
School



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## Location

22 Myers Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 216616

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO2017

HO1078

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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Significant

Previously C Listed - Local Significance

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically, a community building over a long period. Architecturally, stylistic late but otherwise a typical and successfully designed school for the period.

### REFERENCES

RB 1903, 376; RB 1906, 380

MUAI cites Building 12.9/26, 12.12.11/102; RB 1920, 385 - brick 2 storey buildings and land.

SOFFY p 55f

Ibid

Soffy

Burchell. p.154f

GW&ST, plan 25

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; Geelong City Fringe Heritage Area Review, RBA Architects + Conservation Consultants, 2018;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	20070
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## Physical Description 1

### DESCRIPTION

The major building on this site, the first school, follows a typical Catholic architectural form for the period, using two coloured brickwork and an Italian Gothic revival stylistic inspiration. Comprised of three gabled bays, two major and one minor. Bartizans, applied across the gables, introduce a picturesque element to an otherwise typical elevation. Centred on the roof is what presumably was intended as a belltower. Comparable Catholic structures of a similar form and style included the earlier Notre Dame de Sion Sale convent, Ararat school,

Kilmore, Marist Brothers monastery and school, the former Kilmore convent of Mercy now (Assumption College), Geelong.

Christian Brothers monastery part and St. Brigid's school, .North Fitzroy. Government schools include. Glenferrie primary school 1877-87, Armadale primary (1886- ) and Port Melbourne Primary (1888- ). The Myers Street school is much later than most of these, although similar stylistically.

#### External Integrity

Generally complete (front elevations) except for the front fence replacement. Old plans show a probable timber picket fence with an entry indent on axis with the building.

#### Streetscape

Related in scale, materials and form to later buildings on the site at the Fenwick Street corner, and the former Presbyterian residence at 32MyersStreet. It contributes to a late 19th and early 20th century civic precinct (6.01), where schools, churches and related residences are a reoccurring theme.

## Physical Description 2

Former St Agnes Ladies School (Myers Street): Largely intact, Gothic style, 2 storey, bi-chrome brick, symmetrical facade consists of 2 major gables with smaller central projecting gable entry. Slate clad roof with terracotta ridge capping, brick chimneys with rendered capping. Timber vents & pressed cement cross & slender tourelles to gable ends. Pointed arched windows with timber sash openings & leadlight highlight, modern door to early opening, Truncated tower element remains to roof.

Former 'Ravenhurst': Late Victorian house with Interwar period additions to rear as part of conversion to flats 'Wallachia' (larger windows, including bays), in 2 parts linked by concrete bridge.

Original house is bi-chrome brick with basalt plinth, gable roof clad in slate, bi-chrome brick chimneys, gabled bays to Myers & Fenwick streets with stone surrounds (now painted) & timber sash windows. Later hipped verandah with early tiles to deck, paired timber posts and exposed rafter ends. 4 panelled timber door with glass replaced to highlight & sidelights.

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