
Geelong Girls' High School

Location

385 Ryrie Street, GEELONG EAST VIC 3219 - Property No 217797

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1146

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Geelong Girls High School has architectural and historic significance at a local level. The 1940s wing is an excellent example of institutional architecture in Geelong. The building is reasonably intact and retains its characteristic siting, form and relationship of massing to glazing, as well as a number of Inter War details on the side facades. The exterior of the 1915 section also retains some original features. The Geelong Girls High School has historical importance having served as a community school since 1910.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volumes 2-5, Graeme Butler, 1991;
Hermes Number	20670

Physical Description 1

The Geelong Girls High School has as its main Ryrie Street frontage a double storey building with a reasonably intact symmetrical facade . The rendered facade is divided into three main forms with wings flanking a central recessed bay. It features typical Inter War details, including large unadorned parapets and double height steel framed windows with small panes. The strong relationship between the massing and the voids created by the windows is characteristic of the period. The windows are separated by double height triangular shaped piers and on the east and west facade they extend up through sculptured parapet details . An administration wing is attached to the front of the eastern end of the facade and the exterior wall of the main building forms the interior wall of the corridor. The newer wing has a strong horizontal emphasis and is similar in form to the main structure, however, it disrupts the symmetrical nature of the facade. Earlier 1915 brick classrooms are attached to the west side of the main building. They feature double hung sash windows with highlights and small panes, cream string courses and a tiled gable roof. This section retains many exterior features despite fire damage resulting in internal alterations.

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