
FORMER KENTBRUCK SCHOOL

Location

PORTLAND-NELSON ROAD, MOUNT RICHMOND VIC 3305

Municipality

GLENELG SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7121-0053

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site The structure was used as a school in what was at the time a remote early settlement within the State of Victoria. The site is currently located within a pine plantation.

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History

The school was noted to be a building with a school room with 2 rooms as living space, located 2 miles east of James Johnstone's property in Kentbruck. On September 28 1880, Sarah Jane Wadmore was appointed head teacher of the Kentbruck school. Kentbruck was otherwise known as "The Coast" prior to Wadmore opening the school there (Wadmore 1933). Wadmore moved from Bacchus Marsh to the family home in Cape Bridgewater with her mother and brother, which was 20 miles away from the Kentbruck State School. The building was wooden, removed from "The Dens"; it had two small living rooms, iron chimneys and two high windows (Wadmore 1933). The school was situated on a hill, with a swamp at its front and "very high ti-tree" home to

wallaby, water rats and platypus (Wadmore 1933). The back, north and south of the school was surrounded by the “Range”, with stringy barks and “mobs of kangaroo, flocks of emus, and dingoes” (Wadmore 1933). Wadmore (1933) lists the following family names that she recalls teaching; Hedditchs, Malseeds, Kings, Jonstones, Bilstons, Smiths, Wheelers, Buckles, Weevins. Wadmore (1933) opened two new schools on the Bridgewater Road during her teaching career; Kentbruck and Trewalla.

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