
Ashburton Primary School

Location

10A Fakenham Road ASHBURTON, BOROONDARA CITY

Municipality

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Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO921

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Hermes Number 208928

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The original school building is designed in the Spanish Mission Style and comprises a doublestorey, red-brick building with hipped terracotta tiled roof. It comprises one main central wing, a wing at the east and an asymmetrically located entry. It was constructed in three phases. The earliest core of the building is the central and eastern sections, and the most substantial. Two classrooms were added in 1947 in sympathy with the original design. The 1949 classrooms at the western end, by Percy Everett, were added in a more modern style with multipaned windows extending from the ground floor to just below the eaves but with brickwork and roof tiling sympathetic to the original building. The walls are predominantly Flemish bond brickwork. The windows are predominantly grouped in threes, matching the location of original classrooms within the building; those in the central pavilion are set between brick piers and arches. The triple

arch motif is typical of the Spanish Mission style. Cement rendered panels repeat between the rows of upper and lower windows, between bands of soldier brick courses that run the length of the building. The arched doorway with arched fanlight within the recessed entry matches the original door.

The original fabric and design of the old school building is clearly distinguishable from the street. The 1949 extension was built in a way that minimises the transition from a double to a triple-storey building under a continuous roof form where the site drops away. The vertically extended windows in this part minimise the visual impact of this discontinuity on the older parts of the building.

Windows and frames throughout the building have been replaced, but with a sympathetic form to the original multi-paned design.

The school has not been inspected internally. Aerial views indicate that an addition has been added to the rear of the building, and it is not known whether elements of the rear veranda and balcony remain intact. The masonry war memorial is located at the front of the school in a garden setting. The fence is not original. The rendered sections of the building have been painted in either cream or brown.

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