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# Drysdale State School

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## Location

52 Clifton Springs Rd, DRYSDALE VIC 3222 - Property No 263927

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

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## Heritage Listing

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## Statement of Significance

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The Drysdale Primary School NO.1645 designed by Education Department architect Henry Robert Bastow and built by William Swanson of Melbourne in 1875, is a relatively unaltered brown brick three room building with three steeply pitched intersecting roof gables, two tall chimneys, circular louvre vents and timber framed double hung multipane windows with top lights. Some minor changes took place in 1914 and in the 1970s.

The Drysdale Primary School has historic and social value to the Drysdale community.

The Drysdale Primary School is an example of a purpose built small rural school constructed soon after the Education Act of 1872 made the State responsible for compulsory education of all children. It is an example of the designs of Henry Bastow, Victorian Education Department architect and it has been in continuous use as a school since it was built.

## References

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Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	21583
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## Physical Description 1

### DESCRIPTION

Drysdale State School No.1645 was designed by Education Department architect Henry Robert Bastow with a similar plan to the Helen St State School, Northcote c.1874 . It was designed as a three room schoolhouse defined by three intersecting roof gables. The original school building was a monotone brown brick, with a large steep pitch gabled roof clad in slate , and two tall brick chimneys located in the roof valley, on the east elevation. The gable ends have simple bargeboards and circular louvered vents, above a set of four timber framed, doublehung multipane windows with top lights.

The south elevation has a small twin light window with top lights and two timber doors. The building is relatively unaltered the roof has been reclad and a verandah has been added to the north projecting gable, connecting with other school buildings on the site.

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