
Portarlington Primary School

Location

100 Newcombe Street, PORTARLINGTON VIC 3223 - Property No 265524

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1579

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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Statement of Cultural Significance the Portarlington Primary School has been in continuous operation since its inception in 1873, and the present purpose built structure was opened in 1882. It is representative of the rural schools designed by Education Department architect H R Bastow. The school was extended after the First World War and the original bell tower was demolished in the 1970s, so the integrity of the building is only fair. It is a typical example of school architecture of the period and is distinctive for its use of local bricks and the unusual decorative design of the brickwork.

It is of scientific, social and historic significance to the local Portarlington community.

The Portarlington School was constructed of local bricks made at the Portarlington Tile and Brick Works located at the former Portarlington Mill. It was the largest primary school on the Bellarine Peninsula and an important educational and social centre for the township and surrounding rural area. It is now part of a complex of school buildings representing the educational history of the local community.

It is of LOCAL cultural significance.

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Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	21606
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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

The complex of school buildings on the large site were constructed at various times. The central brick building was built c.1882, in a Victorian Gothic style like the Caulfield State School No.773, built c1877, and others of a similar style by H.R.Bastow, architect to the Education Department.

The building has a rectangular form, a corrugated iron clad roof and decorative polychrome brown and cream brickwork in a diamond pattern. The distinctive roof has two half hipped gable ends on the west and east elevations. It consists of one large schoolroom, 20 by 50, and originally it had a slate clad roof, a small bell tower with a spire, and a set of attic windows, all now removed.

The south elevation on Fenwick St has a gable roof, clad in new corrugated iron, with plain barge boards and large finials at both ends. There are two double-hung windows. The north elevation on Newcombe St has 3 sets of paned glass windows, with the central set being three light and the others having only two lights.

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