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# BALMORAL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL



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## Location

Coleraine Road and Simson Street BALMORAL, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 30, 2003

3/11/08 - C6 Amendment: site withdrawn from recommendation for inclusion under the HO (AW 3/11/08)

### What is Significant?

Balmoral Consolidated School is a State Primary School located on the south west corner of the intersection of Simson Street and the Coleraine - Balmoral Road in the township of Balmoral. The school is made up of several smaller school buildings which have been relocated from surrounding areas, as the move to consolidate state schools occurred. The school is a complex of mainly timber buildings. The construction of the first school was as early as 1856, when local pastoralists lobbied the Department of Education for a school at Balmoral to serve the growing township and the number of large pastoral holdings surrounding the town. A number of smaller 'satellite' schools were constructed in the early and mid ninetieth century at locations such as Gringegalgon, Gritjurk, Brit Brit, Vasey, Telangatuk East, Kanagulk, Gringegalgon and Pigeon Ponds. This was triggered by the increase in population in the district following the subdivision of many of the area's great pastoral estates for Soldier Settlement after the First and Second World Wars. These buildings have gradually been re-located to the current school site, and incorporated as classrooms.

### How is it significant?

Balmoral Consolidated School is of historical to township of Balmoral the Southern Grampians Shire.

### Why is it significant?

The complex located at Balmoral Consolidated School is historically significant as an example of the way in which smaller 'satellite' schools were consolidated with larger schools in towns as closer settlement failed and rural populations moved to townships after the 1960s. The school complex provides a tangible link to the Soldier Settlement era, a particular phase in the long history of the pastoral industry in the area. The subsequent subdivision of the land at various times culminated in the creation of small landholdings acquired by returned servicemen following the First and Second World War. The school is a physical expression of the population boom which resulted from Soldier Settlement, and subsequent demise of small rural landholders as soldier settlement failed.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Other Names	BALMORAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, BALMORAL NATIONAL SCHOOL,
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## Physical Conditions

The school is in good condition, although many of the early timber school houses which make up the early building have been damaged by insects.

## Physical Description 1

The Balmoral Consolidated School is located on the south west corner of the Cavendish-Balmoral and the Coleraine-Balmoral Roads, in the centre of the township of Coleraine. The school has been built in two separate blocks. The first part of the school is made up of several small timber buildings which were originally local timber school houses. These school houses were from surrounding areas of Kanagulk, Gringegalgon, Brit Brit, Pigeon Ponds and Gritjurk. The timber school rooms have been placed in a long line with a central passage to join the individual classrooms. Later developments which have been added include a staff room, office and library.

A later building, similarly long in shape with classrooms off a central passage was added with a Library, Science room, art room, staff room, stores and offices. This building was used as the high school, while the earlier building was used as the consolidated school for many years until the Balmoral High School moved to a separate location.

The site also has toilet blocks, outdoor play equipment and traditional country primary school plantings, including many native plants dating from the early 1970s.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

Theme 6 Educating

6.2 Establishing schools

6.5 Educating people in remote places

## **Usage/Former Usage**

Primary school

## **Integrity**

Little if anything surviving of the earliest school.

## **Physical Description 2**

The Balmoral School Board (Robert Officer, Charles Armytage, Sam Clapham, Alexander McIntosh, A. C Cameron and W.T Molloy)

Mr. & Mrs. Conroy (first teachers)

## **Physical Description 3**

State School Reserve

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