
STATE SCHOOL NO. 486 (FORMER)



23363 State School 486
Former 67 Watton St
Penshurst 0819



23363 State School No 486
Former 67 Watton St
Penshurst 1526



23363 State School 486
Former 67 Watton St
Penshurst 0822



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Location

67 Watton Street, PENSHURST VIC 3289 - Property No 0072

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 19, 2003

What is significant?

The former State School No. 486 is located on the south-east corner of Watton and French Streets, in the middle of the township of Penshurst. It is the second site for the State School in Penshurst, the first being constructed in 1858 as a two roomed stone building in Bell Street, which survives within a private residence. The second State School was built after 1873, and is constructed of rough coursed bluestone. Timber extensions were added in the early twentieth century, and these have been further altered in the late twentieth century. The building served as a State School for 90 years, until a new State School was built on land donated from Kolor Estate in 1963. The building has since been used for various purposes, until most recently it has been converted into a private residence. The architect for the building was most likely to have been from the Public Works Department. The building are in good condition, although the twentieth century timber extensions have been much altered. The school room retains a high degree of integrity, but the integrity of the later extensions has been compromised.

How is it significant?

The former State School No. 486 is of historic, cultural and architectural significance to the township of Penshurst and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

The former State School 486 is of historic significance as the expression of the early community's struggle for education, and for its association with over 150 years of schooling in the area. It is of cultural significance as the focus for the community. The school is of architectural significance for its use of traditional forms.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Southern Grampians - Southern Grampians Shire Heritage Study, Timothy Hubbard P/L, Annabel Neylon, 2002;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	23363
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Physical Conditions

The former State School is in good condition.

Physical Description 1

The former State School building is a standard design for small schools, with a porch at the southern end and divided into two classrooms by a central corridor. The main school room is constructed from rough coursed bluestone, with a corrugated iron roof with gablets with timber louvers. Large windows admit light on the south side. There is a chimney in the southern classroom on the west wall. Later timber additions, dating from the 1920s or 1930s have been made to the east of the schoolroom. These have been modernised and rendered, although much of the original fabric may remain beneath.

Historical Australian Themes

Theme 6 Educating

6.2 Establishing schools

6.5 Educating people in remote places

Usage/Former Usage

residential

Integrity

Good degree of integrity but the original form has been compromised to some extent by the modern extensions.

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