
ESSENDON TECHNICAL SCHOOL (FORMER)



Essendon Technical School



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Essendon Conservation
Study 1985

Location

38 BUCKLEY STREET,, ESSENDON VIC 3040 - Property No 200176

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1295

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO42

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, a highly successful three dimensional design incorporating both the ranges of geometric shapes, and motifs, plus the finishes utilised by the Modernists in Europe and sparingly in Australia also well suited to its

corner site and dominant in scale.

Historically, the first technical school in Essendon; on of an intermediate group in the establishment of suburban schools in Melbourne; and linked with air pilot training, via proximity of Essendon Airport: of local importance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Essendon Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1985;
Construction dates	1938,
Architect/Designer	Everett, Percy,
Hermes Number	23952
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Physical Description 1

Following the northern European way of coloured face brickwork, juxtaposed rectanguloids and cylinders, plus glass bricks, this is perhaps the best European modern building to arise under Public Works Chief Architect, Percy Everett.

Long steel window strips emphasise the parapetted, red Manganese salt-glazed and cream brick horizontality which stretches along both the Buckley and Hoddle Street alignments to meet at the typically offset 'vertical feature '. The latter is skilfully complicated by a semi-cylindrical element, with brick glazing, facing Buckley Street, whilst the main entrance block, with Gill sans lettering, faces Hoddle Street. A symbolic, tripartite tower frames the clerestory window group which both surmounts and underscores the cantilevering, concrete entrance canopy.

Mature landscaping of the period survives along the building facades.

Physical Description 2

Streetscape

A major corner building, skilfully designed for its site, set amongst smaller scale residential development and facing a planted boulevard (Buckley Street).

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