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# ST COLUMBAN'S CATHOLIC MISSION



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Essendon Conservation  
Study 1985

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## Location

45-69 WOODLAND STREET, ESSENDON, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO128

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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Architecturally of State importance as an outstanding, original and early use of the Medieval revival styles which were to dominate domestic architecture in later years, as did the companion use of Marseilles pattern tiles. The house is in a period setting, the subject of distant views and prominent in the immediate area. Historically, built by a regionally important member of the 'urban-rural' aristocracy.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Essendon Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1985;
Construction dates	1888,
Architect/Designer	Oakden, Addison & Kemp,
Other Names	North Park (former), House,
Hermes Number	24156
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

A superb revival of the Tudor period domestic architecture, with French influences as seen in the tower. Composed symmetrically, it has two major gabled wings on either side of a two level loggia which itself flanks the central tower and lookout. Window bays, built in sandstone, are used at ground level whilst grouped casement windows with toplights, echo their form in the upper facade. An arcaded verandah and upper level open terrace occupy the east facade, serving in a slightly clumsy fashion, to link the main south-facing facade with another gabled bay at the north-east corner of the original extent of the house. The gabled ballroom pavilion lies to the north, linked by a verandah to the rear of the house. The promenade, with its iron balustrade, exists at the rear at the tower amongst the grouped chimney stacks and roof turrets.

Internally, sumptuous joinery and pressed metal ceilings painted in original colours, are outstanding elements whilst the garden, although greatly reduced in extent, contains mature conifers palms and later evergreen shrubs which greatly enhance the period setting of the house.

## Integrity

The eastern terrace has been built on and enclosed at the lower level in the c1920s; and the perimeter fence has been altered in part: trim colours are generally sympathetic. The stables and tennis courts which lay to the south and east of the house have been absorbed by the 1920s subdivision

## Physical Description 2

### Streetscape

Relates to the adjacent Roasebank (qv) particularly in distant views; both occupying elevated sites and North Park's mature trees adding visual bulk

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