

## Wales Street State School, SS 3139



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Heritage Overlay Area.

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### **Location**

Wales Street NORTHCOTE, Darebin City

### **Municipality**

DAREBIN CITY

### **Level of significance**

Included in Heritage Overlay

### **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO84

### **Heritage Listing**

Darebin City

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### **Statement of Significance**

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The Wales Street school is of local significance. The school has served the local community continuously since the 1890s, and is identifiable to many still in the city as the place of primary education. Although of little individual architectural significance, the bell-tower is a distinctive feature.

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## Physical Description 2

The original section of the Wales Street School executed under the Public Works chief architect, Henry Bastow, comprises the tower and the adjoining half-timbered gabled bay. The added wings have been executed in a sympathetic style but lack the diversity of detail of the original building.

The distinguishing feature of the school is the French Romanesque styled bell-tower roof. The main entrance is located at its base, and has a multi-paned pointed arch highlight. A tall narrow louvred opening with a rendered hood mould is located at first floor level. The tower is surmounted by a steeply pitched sheet metal roof, originally copper, supported on timber posts. The roof has cast-iron cresting and finials. Similar towers can be found at other contemporary schools including Newtown State School No 1887 (1887, architect, S E Bindley), an almost identical tower at Moreland State School No 2837 (1887-90), and the tower added to the old Kyneton State School No 343 in 1879, to Bastow's design.

The roof cladding materials of all of the buildings have been replaced and the windows of the original classrooms have been enlarged this century. The original picket fence has been replaced with chain Wire

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