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# Bluestone school and Elm, Irish strawberry, pepper trees at Footscray Primary School 1912: 10 & 10A Hyde Street, Footscray



HO48(1) - Footscray Primary School, Bluestone School.JPG



HO48(1) - Silky Oak Tree, Footscray Primary School, Footscray.JPG



HO48(2) - Elm Tree, Footscray Primary School.JPG

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## Location

10 & 10A Hyde Street, FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011 - Property No 3039001200

## Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO48

## Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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## Statement of Significance

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The mature elm, Irish strawberry, pepper trees and silky oak at the Footscray Primary School 1912 are significant to the City of Maribyrnong:

- as mature specimens of their type in the City and, in the case of the elm, among the oldest in the City ( Criterion B2);
- for their association over a long period with the development of landscape within this 19th century public reserve ( Criterion A4).

#### Footscray Conservation Study SOS

Built in local basalt the school complex (1877-87) has been designed in a successful and picturesque Tudor revival manner seen at its best in schools in Footscray and Williamstown. It is also part of a valuable civic precinct which relies in part on the Medieval character basalt architecture..

#### Australian Heritage Commission (AHC) criteria

The Australian Heritage Commission criteria consist of a set of eight criteria which cover social, aesthetic, scientific, and historic values. Each criterion has sub-criteria written specifically for cultural or natural values. The relevant criteria are:

A.4 demonstrates well the course and pattern of history, important historic events

B.2 rarity

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1880,
Other Names	Listed as number 10B in Footscray Urban Conservation Study, 'Ulmus' sp.' Arbutus unedo' 'Schinus molle' var. 'areira' 'Grevillea robusta',
Hermes Number	29107
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

A large elm specimen located in the school reserve at the north east corner, next to an 'Arbutus unedo' or Irish strawberry tree. There are also semi-mature pepper trees on the south boundary, along Bristow St, and a silky oak in the grounds at the rear of the stone wing.

The Ulmus genus of 20 or so species of trees and shrubs occur naturally in temperate regions of the northern hemisphere. During the 1920s and 1930s, and again in the 1960s and 1970s, elm trees in Europe and North America were devastated by Dutch elm disease, caused by the fungus *Ophiostoma ulmi*, which is transmitted by the elm bark beetle. Except for a few East Asian species, they are deciduous, turning yellow in fall (autumn). The leaves are usually alternate, onesided at the base, with prominent, parallel, lateral veins and regularly toothed margins; the small, disc-like fruits have a membranous wing and are carried in clusters. Most elms are large limbed with furrowed grey bark and high, domed crowns { Botanica}.'

## Physical Conditions

Good, partially disturbed, well preserved.

## **Integrity**

Substantially intact/some intrusions.

## **Physical Description 2**

### **Context**

Set within a historic public building precinct, and perhaps the only tree of a comparable age with the early buildings is the elm.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

### **Thematic context**

**Australian Principal Theme** Developing cultural institutions and ways of life

**PAHT Subtheme** Creating landscape

**Local Theme(s)** Primary Schools

## **Physical Description 3**

**Map (Melway)** 42B4

**Boundary description** The cited trees and sufficient land around each to allow for root zone and canopy protection, nominally 1m beyond the drip line, root zone or canopy perimeter which ever is the greatest.

**Heritage Significance** City

**Creation date(s)** 1880-1900c

**Local Government Area** City of Maribyrnong

**Ownership Type** Public

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