
Prahran State Primary School No. 2855

Location

45-69 High Street PRAHRAN, Stonnington City

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

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Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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The former Prahran Primary School opened in 1888 is possibly of state significance for architectural, aesthetic and historical reasons. The school has historical importance as an important public building, representing the scale of educational services demanded in the region at the end of the nineteenth century. Architecturally, it is a fine and intact example of the nineteenth century State Primary Schools in the City of Prahran and is of state importance as a unique example of a Late Gothic Urban design, incorporating an unusual combination of Queen Anne and Flemish idioms.

The school has regional significance as a likely focus of cultural sentiment associated with the site and buildings by generations of former pupils. The building has local aesthetic value, prominently sited on High Street, and providing an important local landmark, remaining detached from other buildings on the site, in keeping with historical precedent.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - Conservation Review City of Prahran Volume 2: Individual Buildings (A1), Context Pty Ltd, 1993;
Construction dates	1887,
Other Names	Former Prahran West School, 45-67 High Street, Prahran,
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Physical Description 1

The symmetrical facade features Flemish decorative treatment around the doors and heavy stucco rendered gable ends, which represents an unusual stylistic variation on later Gothic Schools. 1 Queen Anne features include tall red brick chimneys, spiled roof turret, the large volume of the hipped roof, and rectangular paired windows. 2 The 1889 addition and later additions are sympathetic to, the original design. The building dominates the school site with plantings on the High Street side obscuring the view other facade from the street.

References

1. R.. Peterson, et 01." chapter 4, p.13.
- 2 L. Burchell, *Victorian Schools. A Study in Colonial Government Architecture, 183'1-1900*, p.155.

Local Historical Themes

9.2 Developing a system of state education

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