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# Redcourt House

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## Location

506 Orrong Road ARMADALE, Stonnington City

## Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

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## Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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## Statement of Significance

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Redcourt is of state significance as one of the very earliest manifestations of a domestic Queen Anne Revival influenced mode in Melbourne. A very grand and modern house for its time, it remains substantially externally intact and retains some of its original grounds, which reinforce the original design intent of its architects, the notable firm Reed Henderson & Smart

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - City of Stonnington Heritage Overlay Report (Stages 1-5) 1998, Bryce Raworth P/L, 1998; Stonnington - Prahran Conservation Study Identification of Buildings & Areas of Major Significance, Nigel Lewis & Associates, 1983;
Construction dates	1888,
Architect/Designer	Reed Henderson & Smart,
Other Names	506 Orrong Road, Armadale,
Hermes Number	30833
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

506 Orrong Road, Armadale, known as Redcourt is located in a prestigious and exclusively residential section of Armadale northeast of the intersection of Orrong and Dandenong Roads. The house occupies an elevated site overlooking the intersection from which it presents a long frontage to Orrong Road. In this area, Orrong Road is a tree-lined avenue, constructed in modern materials with concrete gutters and bitumen surfacing to the road and footpaths and well-maintained nature strips. The landscape elements combine to create an air of quiet refinement even by local standards, Redcourt is a large residence. The high fence in red face brick and extensive tennis courts at the front of the property fail to obscure the structure beyond. The house extends over two storeys built on a number of different levels. It is constructed in red face brick with a tiled roof and simple white painted joinery. Stylistically, the building draws upon medieval precedents evident in its cantilevering gables supported on ornate, timber brackets, its half timbering in the gable ends and buttressed chimney elements which extend high above the roofline. A minor tiled gable, supported on elaborately carved bracket covers the entry and segmental arched windows and a large oriel bay window are other features of the facade.

A number of outbuildings in a similar style are also present on the site.

## Local Historical Themes

8.4.2 Functional, eccentric and theatrical - experimentation and innovation in architecture 8.1.3 The end of an era - mansion estate subdivisions in the twentieth century

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