
HOUSE

Location

719 TOORAK ROAD, TOORAK, STONNINGTON CITY

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO344

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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719 Toorak Road is of regional significance as an unusual and distinctive variation on the Spanish and Elizabethan styles. The scalloped parapets and decorative detailing and strong building forms provide a unique architectural composition.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - City of Malvern Heritage Study, Nigel Lewis and Richard Aitken P/L, 1992;
Construction dates	1919,
Architect/Designer	Davis, FJ,
Hermes Number	31520
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

A distinctive house which draws on Spanish and Elizabethan influences. The swagged parapets have some relationship with Walter Butler's 13a Monaro Road nearby. Two storeys, finished in unpainted rough cast (recently recoated); it is distinguished by projecting parapets facing both corner facades. At the upper level these break through the projecting eaves and are scalloped in an Elizabethan or Spanish manner. This is repeated at the ground floor porch, which extends across the south elevation and projects out on the eastern side to form a porte cochere. The arched openings are relieved with moulded reveals and a curious cloverleaf design. Apart from the parapets, the building has wide eave overhang with a glazed terracotta tile roof that may be a later alteration. There are several small window openings upstairs, including those flanking chimney breasts. A set of windows and French door penetrate the principal parapet panel facing Toorak Road. This provides access onto the front balcony. Elsewhere windows are of a simple double hung design having glazing bars in the top sashes. There are windows of a Moorish style on the ground floor living room. The building had a cypress hedge for many years with a low rendered wall. These have been replaced since 1992 by a high wall on both boundaries with new planting behind. The house and new wall are finished in a yellow ochre cement or lime finish, which retains a natural finish but in a different colour.

Local Historical Themes

8.4.2 Functional eccentric and theatrical - experimentation and innovation in architecture

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