

Municipality

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO110

Heritage Listing

Golden Plains Shire

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The former State School No 1906, School Road Corindhap was built in 1877 as a result of the introduction of free, compulsory and secular education under the innovative Victorian *Education Act 1872*. It replaced two earlier schools which were established following the opening of the Break of Day Gully goldfield in 1856. By 1861, a rush occurred which resulted in the population of the area reaching 5,000 at its peak. The school was officially opened on 29 June 1877 by the then Minister for Education, W. Collard Smith, with a net attendance of 203 students the same year. The weatherboard building is of standard design with two gabled wings that are L-shaped in plan. The larger wing is oriented east-west and the smaller wing projects to the north, addressing School Road. A cloakroom was added to the school in 1915 and later in 1922, funding was announced for further repairs to the school building and residence costing £149. The school site is surrounded by perimeter plantings of *Pinus radiata* (Monterey Pine). The school buildings and land, including a plantation of *Pinus radiata* (Monterey Pine) were sold at auction in 1996, following the State wide rationalization of surplus Crown Land. Two corrugated iron octagonal shelter sheds survive. The former Corindhap State School is intact, in good to fair condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

How is it Significant?

The former Corindhap State School is of historical, social and architectural significance to the township of Corindhap and the Golden Plains Shire.

Why is significant?

The former Corindhap State School is of historical significance as a surviving example of a rural State School that has serviced a fluctuating attendance due to the turbulent nature of the local mining industry.

The school is of social significance as a representation of the initiative and aspiration of the miners and the patronage of William Elder of Kuruc-a-ruc to provide for the education of the children of the emerging settlement of Corindhap. The school has further significance as the permanent site for the provision of free, compulsory and secular education under the innovative Victorian *Education Act 1872*.

The school is of architectural significance as an intact surviving example of a typical school facility dating from the late 19th century.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Golden Plains - Golden Plains Shire Heritage Study Phase 2, Heritage Matters P/L, 2009;
Hermes Number	34930
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The former Corindhap State School is situated on the northern end of crown land Allotment 13 Section 6, within the Township of Corindhap. The weatherboard school building is of standard design, featuring two gabled wings that are L-shaped in plan. The larger wing is oriented east-west. The original pair of multi-pane, double-hung sash lancet windows survive on both the east and west elevations, however the fanlights are presently boarded up. The southern elevation has a set of four multi-pane, double-hung sash lancet windows. A brick chimney protrudes through the corrugated iron roof mid way along the northern elevation. The smaller wing projects north from the larger school building. The original set of three multi-pane, double-hung sash lancet windows survive on the facade, addressing School Road. A small skillion is attached to the east elevation, featuring a row of small hopper windows. A brick chimney protrudes from the corrugated iron roof, which is of medium pitch. Two corrugated iron octagonal shelter sheds survive. The school site is surrounded by perimeter plantings of *Pinus radiata* (Monterey Pine) trees and interior plantings of Eucalyptus species and other native shrubs. A mature plantation of *Pinus radiata* (Monterey Pine) trees is situated on the southern portion of the allotment. The former Corindhap State School is intact, in good to fair condition and retains a high degree of integrity.

Integrity

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Historical Australian Themes

The Australian Heritage Commission devised the Australian Historic Themes in 2001. The following themes have influenced the historical development of the Corindhap State School.

6 Educating

6.1 Forming associations, libraries and institutes for self-education

6.2 Establishing schools

6.5 Educating people in remote places

8 Developing Australia's Cultural Life

8.14 Living in the country and rural settlements

Physical Description 2

Extent of Registration: The whole of the school building, excluding the interiors, the shelter sheds and the plantation of *Pinus radiata* (Monterey Pine) and the whole of the land including the reserve.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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