
ST BERNARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH COMPLEX



St Bernard's Catholic Church
- 10-38 Patterson Street,
COBURG,

Location

10-38 Patterson Street, COBURG VIC 3058 - Property No 22892

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO349

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - October 5, 2004

What is significant?

The St Bernard's Catholic Church building on the corner of Sheffield and Patterson Streets, Coburg.

How is it significant?

The St Bernard's Catholic Church building on the corner of Sheffield and Patterson Streets, Coburg is of local

historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

Of historic significance, for its association with the St Bernard's Catholic Church and Primary School complex which has been located on this site since 1941 (building extant), and built to provide a local Catholic church for the people of East Coburg thus allowing the 1941 Church to become part of the school portion of the site. (AHC Criterion G.1)

Of aesthetic significance as a good example of post-war ecclesiastical architecture in Coburg, by architect Gregor Hirsch an emigre Romanina who started the architectural firm CONARG. The church also incorporates a bronze sculpture adjacent to the Patterson St entrance. (AHC Criterion E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Coburg Heritage Conservation & Streetscape Study, Timothy Hubbard Pty Ltd, 1991; Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004;
Construction dates	1957,
Other Names	St Bernard's Catholic Primary School,
Hermes Number	56805
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

St. Bernard's Catholic Primary School is an inter-war red brick two storey building with a gabled clay tile roof with unpainted cement rendered details, including the parapet edging and the window to the front elevation. The building has a squat red brick tower to the north of the front elevation. The building has been massively altered with new classrooms along both the north and south side elevations.

St Bernard's Catholic Church complex is notable for the St Bernard's Catholic Church, on the corner of Sheffield and Patterson Streets. It is a horizontally expressed clinker brick building with a flat roof. It is typical of post war ecclesiastical architecture in that it was not designed with a normal church plan (narthex/nave/trancepts etc), but rather displays an unorthodox plan shape which sought to involve the congregation more fully within the service. The building features coloured glass windows, often long vertical slits within the solid of the wall, as well as a long strip window under the curve of the eave line on the south-east elevation. Other fetures include relief brickwork portraying a crucifix on the east elevation and bright red double entrance doors.

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

Minor Modifications

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