
BRUNSWICK SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Location

56 Brunswick Road, East Brunswick VIC 3057 - Property No 91

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO35

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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Brunswick South Primary is architecturally and historically significant. It was the last of a group of eleven schools which developed towards a distinct double-storey central block between 1877 and 1886, usually as a response to constricted urban sites. As a complex, the school is historically significant as it demonstrates the pattern of growth in Brunswick, the changes in school standards and teaching practices, and the influence of local people in achieving the standard of local education they sought.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990; Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999;
Hermes Number	58999
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Physical Description 1

The main building (1886) is a two storey polychrome brick building with multiple gabled slate roofs and white-painted rendered dressings. The gable-ends have centrally-placed cream brick pointed relieving arches with rendered dressings enclosing small quatrefoil moulded motifs. Below these are paired timber frames multi-paned double-hung sash windows with hopper highlights. The main gable to the east of the main entrance is penetrated by the base of a fleche, which was removed in 1958. The main entrance is a small timber-framed portico with bluestone base walls, timber posts and a slate gabled roof with exposed rafter-ends. The gable-end has timber mouldings on the bargeboard and a timber finial. The roofs have small slate-clad dormer ventilators. The chimneys are of particular note, with rendered bases and moulded tops, and attached octagonal shafts (bundled in pairs or fours) in cream brick.

The Infant School (1914) is a single storey red brick Edwardian building, with a combination of gabled and Jerkinhead terracotta tiled roofs. A cream brick string course marks the building's plinth, and openings have rendered dressings. Windows match those on the 1886 building. The roof has decorative terracotta ridging, red brick chimneys with rendered tops, and two prominent rendered ventilators with taped bases.

Key Architectural Elements: Main Building two storey polychrome brick building with rendered dressings
gabled slate roofs with ornate, grouped cream brick chimneys
timber-framed entrance with gabled slate roof
multi-paned timber-framed double-hung sash windows

Infant Schools single storey face red brick building
gabled and Jerkinhead terracotta tiled roofs
multi-paned timber-framed double-hung sash windows

Comparative Examples: Yarraville West Primary School, Yarraville (1887)
Auburn Primary School, Hawthorn East (1890)

Principal Historic Themes: provision of education

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