
ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH & PRESBYTERY

Location

181-185 & 272 HOPE STREET,, BRUNSWICK WEST VIC 3055 - Property No 12495

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO96

Heritage Listing

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Statement of Significance

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The St Joseph's Church and Presbytery in Hope Street, Brunswick West, is of local historical and architectural Significance. The church (1959) is a highly intact example of a modern brick interpretation of Gothic Revival architecture, and has an interesting, well-detailed interior. The presbytery (c.1910) is of particular architectural Significance. It is an excellent example of a large Edwardian house with an unusual verandah.

Heritage
Study/Consultant

Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999;
Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick
Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990;

Other Names

School & Convent,

Hermes Number

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Physical Description 1

The present church (1959), to the east of the presbytery, marks the Hope Street and Melville Road corner. The church is a large brick building in an abstracted Gothic style. The walls are of face red brick with pointed arch windows set between buttressed piers. The steeply-pitched gabled roof is clad in terracotta tiles, and each gable-end is surmounted by an iron crucifix. The northern gable-end has a triangular leadlight window with trefoil-patterned tracery. A lower entrance pavilion at the north end of the church has a recessed portal arch encompassing a tripartite pointed window and timber doors, separated by a decorative spandrel panel. The low brick and steel pipe fence appears to be original. In plan, shallow transepts project to the east and west. Internally, the building has elaborate exposed timber trusses and three-bay arcades to the transepts. There appears to have been no alterations to the interior.

The presbytery (c.1915) is a single storey Edwardian brick house. It has a spreading hipped terracotta tiled roof which encompasses an extensive verandah, supported by stocky bracketed timber posts. Protruding gables on the east and north elevations have corbelled terracotta shingled cladding. A rendered string course runs beneath the timber-framed double-hung and awning windows, which have rendered sills. The roof has terracotta ridge capping and finials, and is penetrated by a red brick chimney stack with a rendered top and terracotta chimney pots.

Key Architectural Elements: St Joseph's Church-- prominent large corner site

- red brick facade
- steeply pitched terracotta tiled gable roof
- decorative gothic details internally and externally

St Joseph's Presbytery-- unusually expansive verandah with stocky timber posts and fretwork

- expansive terracotta tiled gable roof with terracotta shingled gable infill
- prominent large corner site

Conservation Guidelines: St Joseph's Presbyteryreinstate unglazed terracotta tiles

Principal Historic Themes: permanent places of worship
provision of education

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