
Don Bosco Youth Centre

Location

715-719 Sydney Road, Brunswick VIC 3056 - Property No 38637

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO170

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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The Don Bosco Hostel is of local historical and architectural significance. The building reflects the influence of early Italian migrants in Brunswick, and the continuity of use of the building the ongoing social importance of the Roman Catholic church as a charitable institution. The architectural significance of the building, which has unusually composed Spanish Mission elements, has been diminished greatly by the alterations to the ground floor.

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	59114
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Don Bosco Hostel is a two storey red brick building with a tiled transverse gabled roof. The facade is dominated by a series of arched windows, mostly paired, which runs the length of the building at first floor level. The parapet, which is interrupted by three pediments with brick corbelling, is topped with Spanish tiles. Significant alterations have occurred at ground floor level. The simple rendered arched entrance is flanked on each side by a pair of original arched windows. However, to the south of the facade shopfronts have been created beneath a cantilevered awning, and to the north, the window openings have been squared off, topped with a long concrete lintel, and infilled with glass bricks to match an addition to the north of the building (c. 1970s-80s).

Key Architectural Elements: Spanish Mission elements
arched windows, tiled parapet
repetition of similar window openings along facade
landmark building
expansive face red brick facade

Conservation Guidelines: preferably reinstate original window openings to ground floor

Principal Historic Themes: association with local community groups
establishment of permanent places of worship

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