

GOLDEN POINT SCHOOL NO. 1493

Grant Street

erected 1874

H.R. Bastow (architect)



#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Retention of this contributory school building is to be encouraged. Any alterations should not further detract from the original character of the building.

#### BUILDING ANALYSIS

The earliest school at Golden Point was a National School which was established in a tent in 1853.<sup>1</sup> The present site was reserved in May 1873<sup>2</sup> and the school was erected in 1874 to the design of architect H.R. Bastow.<sup>3</sup> The design duplicates Castlemaine and is based on Reed and Barnes Common School, Faraday Street Carlton. Similar schools were erected in Coburg and Hamilton.<sup>4</sup> The school was completed in 1875 and opened 11 January 1875<sup>1</sup> with the six classrooms. In 1914 drawings were prepared for remodelling<sup>5</sup> which was apparently carried out in 1918 including alteration of windows and internal alterations.<sup>1</sup> In 1937-38 plans signed by R. Smart, District Architect were prepared for alterations which resulted in the two gabled additions to the North with large blank panels which are wardrobes. This work was carried out by J.H. Brown & Son Pty. Ltd.<sup>5</sup>

The original design for the school of a long hipped roof terminating in hipped pavilions has been drastically altered by the 1918 windows and the gabled additions of 1938 which detract from the building. Later additions of classrooms have also detracted from the original appearance of the building.

The present bell tower would appear to be a later addition and the original slate roof has been replaced by corrugated galvanised iron.

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1. *A History of State Education in Ballarat*, p.27.
  2. *Vision and Realisation*, v.2, p.771.
  3. L. Burchell, *Victorian Schools*, p.143.
  4. loc. cit. p.104.
  5. Sheets of drawings held at Public Works Department.