

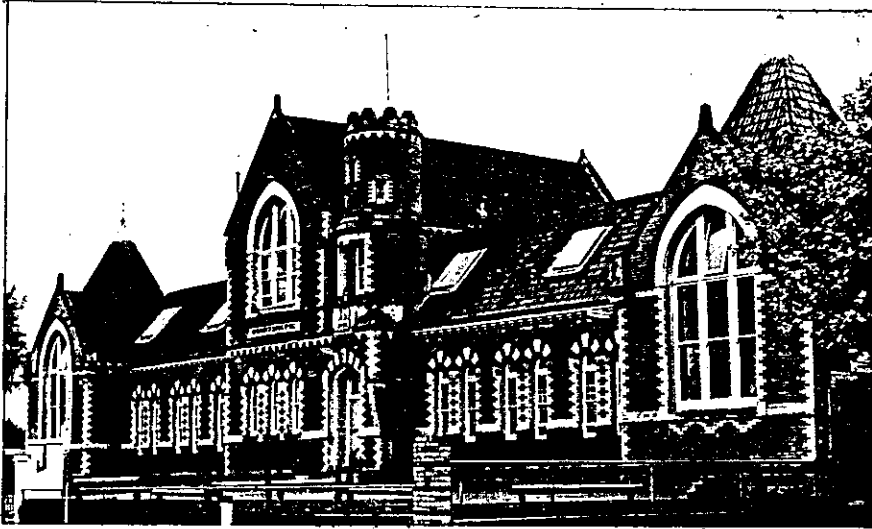
STATE SCHOOL NO. 2103

Urquart Street

erected 1878

H.R. Bastow (architect)

Llewellyn & Edwards (builder)

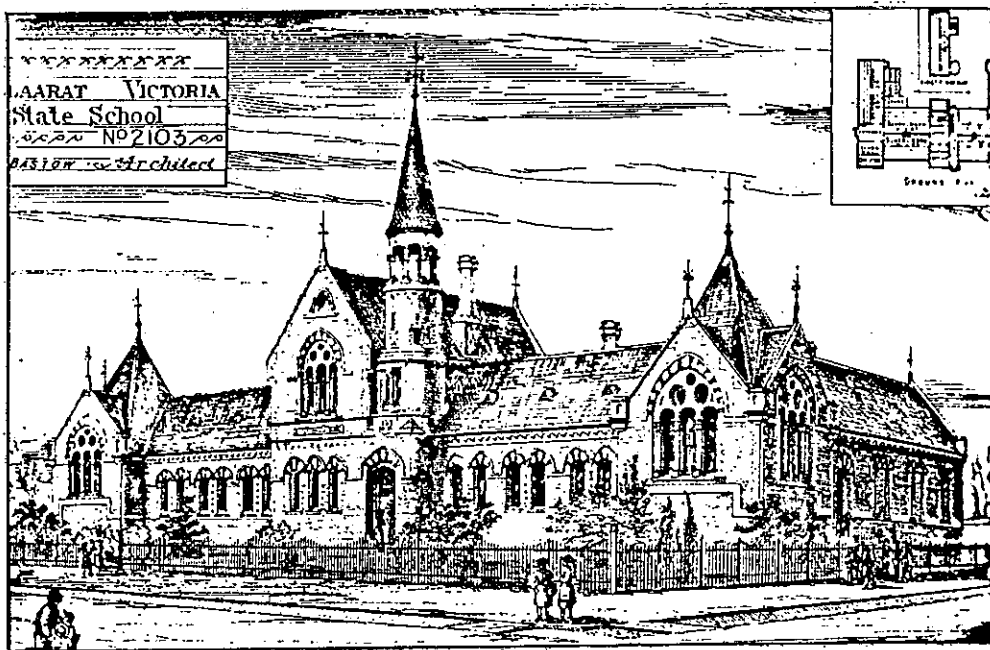


CURRENT ASSESSMENTS

Recorded : National Trust of Australia (Vic.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that this school be specified under the provisions of Clause 8 of the *Town and Country Planning Act 1961* (Third Schedule).



Architects sketch from Blake (Ed), *Vision and Realisation*, 1973, vol. 2, p.818.

BUILDING HISTORY AND ANALYSIS

Of striking polychromatic brickwork this large symmetrical school was designed by the Education Department Chief Architect H.R. Bastow. Constructed in 1878 it is identical to Williamstown State School erected in the same year. It was a development of the earlier U-shaped state school plans with the addition of the central two storey block and asymmetrical entrance surmounted by the circular tower.

The building has been altered from the original drawings. The original slate roof has been replaced by inappropriate terra cotta tiles, and flush skylights have been added. The tower was designed to have an arcaded section and a conical shaped tiled roof above the existing tower section.

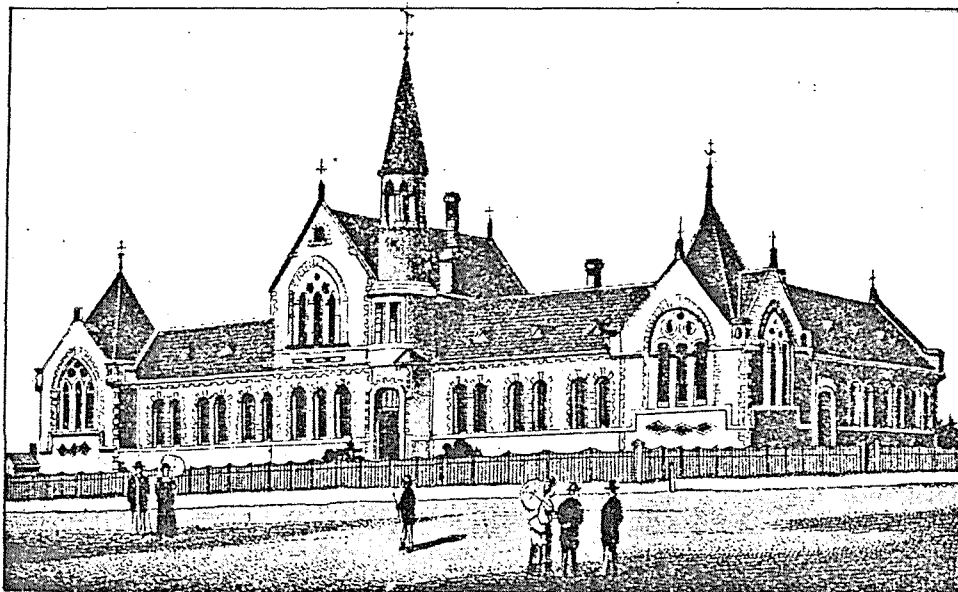


Illustration from
*A History of State
Education in Ball-
arat, Ballarat,*
1974, p.56.

Chimneys and finials have also been removed. The three large windows on the end and central wings originally each consisted three arched windows with three small circular lights in the head of the arch. These were enlarged in 1908 and were replaced by large glass windows

Despite these changes and the removal of the original fence this building is still a striking example of a polychrome brick state school with its paired arched windows and varied roof form.

Three other schools were designed by Bastow in Ballarat : the Golden Point School of 1874, the Eureka Street School of 1879 (for descriptions see this report), and the Humffray Street School of 1874. This is the only building which retains its original polychrome brickwork and is the most ambitious and accomplished of his Ballarat schools.

Sources of information

1. Original drawings held at Public Records Office
 - . 3 sheets of drawings 1921-1922/72
£5228. Contract signed 1 Sept. 1921
Joseph Parkes. Windows enlarged, new toilets,
teachers and cloak rooms added.
 - . 1 sheet drawings 1919-30/472. £751
Sewerage connection. Drawing signed R.M. Smart 7.3.1930.
2. *A History of State Education in Ballarat.* 1973
3. Withers, *History of Ballarat* 1887 ed P.274
4. National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Ballarat Branch file.
5. L. Burchell, *Victorian Schools,* p. 143, 175