



FOUNDATION STONE LAYING, A. PEACOCK .
15 DECEMBER 1922 . MOORE & COMES, P. 89

Castlemaine (1918) and Essendon North (1919-20) are comparable. The plan does not conform to any distinctive type of this period.¹

SIGNIFICANCE: A brick Edwardian high school built in 1922, which experienced major post-war development from 1951.

The school (at least the 1922 building) is of local historical significance in demonstrating the effect of government action in developing the Community life of the town, in particular its educational life. It is of local architectural significance as a building representative of its type and style: the work of the architects of the Public Works Department at this time.

INTACTNESS: The terra-cotta Marseilles roofing tiles have been replaced by cement tiles.

CONDITIONS & THREATS: Very good.

¹Richard Peterson. *Historic Government Schools. A Comparative Study.* Heritage Management Branch Department of Mining and Development, Melbourne 1993., p.117, (type 7.4)

HISTORY: The Victorian government announced its intention to establish a High School at Bacchus Marsh on January 8, 1921. The foundation stone was laid by Alexander Peacock, Minister for Education, on 15 December 1922. Classes commenced in February at St Andrews' Presbyterian Hall.

In 1922 S.C. Brittingham was replaced as Chief Architect of the Public works Department by E. Evan Smith and low hip roofs were succeeded by more impressive parapeted entrances in grand style Baroque. This is one of the first building from the new regime.

In July 1922, Joseph Taylor was awarded the contract to erect school buildings on the site 12 acres (4.9 ha) of the former Agricultural Society showgrounds. The foundation stone for buildings 'costly and commodious' was laid on December 15, 1922. Eight months later, the Bacchus Marsh High School (BMHS) was officially opened, with an enrolment of eighty pupils. Previously secondary education had only been provided by St Bernards, where fees were paid (ref: 197).

The first state secondary school in Victoria had been established in 1905 and already by 1910 there were 9 high schools in Victoria.

From 1931, the school functioned as a Higher Elementary School, with senior students placed on correspondence. The capacity of the school was 160 students, but enrolments rarely exceeded one hundred. Post-war immigration and the Baby Boom affected most schools and it reopened as a High School in 1951, BMHS entered a period of expansion. In 1957, a new Manual Arts building was opened, and in 1962 the LTC Classrooms were erected. Enrolments reached 540 in 1963, and increased to 600 pupils in 1965 and 714 four years later. Developments associated with this increase in student numbers included completion of a School Assembly Hall in 1967, and the opening of the Science building in 1972.¹

VISUAL DESCRIPTION: A red brick, hip-roofed Edwardian high school, with a Latin cruciform plan. Eaves have exposed rafters. A minor hip covers the recessed entry porch, with a skillion hood to the headmaster's office window. Timber brackets support the south end gable, which is timbered roughcast, with a large steel-framed window.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS: A very late example of the Department's hip-roof and parapet entrance type of school, frequently used since 1909. Mildura (1921-22),

¹L.J. Blake, *Vision and Realisation. A Centenary History of State Education in Victoria*. Education Department of Victoria, Melbourne 1973, Vol.3, p.195, and Highlights in the Development of Bacchus Marsh High. Typescript, held BMDHS, 1985.

BACCHUS MARSH HERITAGE STUDY.

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NAME: Bacchus Marsh Secondary College, Maddingley Campus.**PREVIOUS NAME:** Bacchus Marsh High School.**ADDRESS:** Grant Street (NW cnr Griffith Street), Maddingley.**TITLE DETAILS:****USE:** School.**SIGNIFICANT DATE:** 1951 **CONSTRUCTION DATE:** 15.12.1922 **SOURCE:** 1**ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS:** **DATE:** 1957-93 **SOURCE:** 1**DESIGNER:** E. Evan Smith, Chief Architect. **BUILDER:** Joseph Taylor **SOURCE:** 1**CRITERIA:** H4/ H2, A3 **HISTORIC THEME:** Township/Community Life**DESCRIPTION:** **STYLE:** Edwardian **STORIES:** 1 **DETACHED.****MATERIALS:** **WALLS** Brick **ROOF** T/c tiles **STRUCTURE** Lb**CONDITION:** Very good **INTACTNESS:** Good **THREATS:** -**SIGNIFICANT INTACT ELEMENTS:**

FORM. FACADE. VERANDAH. PLAN. USE.

CHIMNEYS. DOORS. WINDOWS. PAINTWORK SCHEME. SIGNS.

SIGNIFICANCE:**TYPE:** HISTORICAL. ARCHITECTURAL. SOCIAL.**LEVEL:** LOCAL.**DESIGNATION EXISTING:** Nil**RECOMMENDED CONTROL:** PLANNING SCHEME.

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MAP NO: U3.08 & U3.09 **SURVEY:** DC & RP **DATE:** 4.1.94 **NEGS:** 6,3,4