

RICHMOND NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL Davison Street

History and Description

The site was purchased in 1887 and the building erected in 1888. Additions were made at the rear in 1911 and 1912. Further additions were completed in 1981.

The building is a striking example of the English Queen Anne style with unusual terracotta faience, pebbled render finish within gables, and decorative use of brickwork.

Designed by the Department of Public Works, the layout and detailing is almost identical to the Toorak Central school. The design does not appear to have been repeated again.

The design has been attributed to Brightwen Binyon, the architect of the Sandford St. Boys School, Great Britain, the drawings of which were published in the Building News, on 9th December, 1881.

Tiles have replaced the original roof slates and terracotta ridge cresting. A weathervaned bellcote has also been removed.

Statement of Significance

An exceptional example of English Queen Anne style school architecture.

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