

Building:	St Joseph's Presbytery	Significance:	B
Address:	46 Otter Street, Collingwood	Melway Map Ref:	31 E11
Building Type:	Residence	Construction Date:	1903
Architect:	Unknown	Builder:	Unknown



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Existing Heritage Listings:		Recommended Heritage Listings:	
Victorian Heritage Register	[]	Victorian Heritage Register	[]
Register of the National Estate	[]	Register of the National Estate	[x]
National Trust	[]	Heritage Overlay Controls	[x]

History

St Joseph's Presbytery was opened on 24 May 1903.

Although the construction of the main part of St Joseph's Church had been largely complete by 1862, until 1887, the Collingwood district was attended by priests from St Patrick's. In that year, Fr. Aylward was appointed the first resident priest. Aylward moved into a presbytery at 22 Abbotsford Street, Abbotsford, in 1888. The district was declared a separate mission in 1892.

Andrew Ward. *Collingwood Conservation Study*. 1995.

Description

St Joseph's Presbytery, 46 Otter Street, Collingwood, is a large, two storey Edwardian brick house. Ground floor walls are of face red brick, whilst some of the first floor walls are roughcast with brick quoining and window dressings. There is a projecting bay at the north end of the west elevation, abutting a return verandah and balcony which wrap around the west and south elevations. The verandah has vertical timber balustrading and fretwork to arched frieze panels between turned timber posts. The ground floor of the north-west bay has a porch semi-circular arched openings with alternating red brick and render voussoirs and prominent keystones, and highly ornate capitals to the brick piers. The front door highlight has similar arch detailing. There is also a decorative moulded panel to the spandrel. On the south elevation, a similar arched section with a gabled top penetrates the verandah and marks the entrance. Windows are generally timber-framed double-hung sashes with semi-circular arched heads. There are moulded rendered string courses at sill level and at first floor level. The hipped slate roof has terracotta ridge capping (but no capping to hips), finials and ventilating gablets at each end of the main ridge, and exposed rafter ends. The roof is penetrated by tall, red brick chimneys with roughcast and smooth render banding, and terracotta chimney pots.

The high red brick fence with rendered coping appears to date from the same period.

Significance

St Joseph's Presbytery, 46 Otter Street, Collingwood, is of local architectural and significance. It is an excellent example of a large Edwardian house displaying a wide range of typically Edwardian architectural details. These include the imaginative use of face red brick, roughcast and smooth render surfaces on walls, chimneys and openings, and the extensive use of timber on a particularly notable verandah and balcony. The house is an significant architectural element on a prominent corner site, and an important part of the St Joseph's complex.

Original Source

Andrew Ward. *Collingwood Conservation Study*. 1995.