

<b>Building:</b>	St Joseph's Church Hall	<b>Significance:</b>	B
<b>Address:</b>	46 Otter Street, Collingwood	<b>Melway Map Ref:</b>	2C F8
<b>Building Type:</b>	Hall	<b>Construction Date:</b>	1886
<b>Architect:</b>	Unknown	<b>Builder:</b>	Unknown



<b>Intactness:</b>		<b>Condition:</b>	
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<b>Existing Heritage Listings:</b>		<b>Recommended Heritage Listings:</b>	
Victorian Heritage Register	[ ]	Victorian Heritage Register	[ ]
Register of the National Estate	[ ]	Register of the National Estate	[x]
National Trust	[ ]	Heritage Overlay Controls	[x]

## **History**

Three Catholic schools—Reilly Street (established 1 July 1855), Budd Street (1 July 1857) and Wellington Street (1858)—were operating in Collingwood at the time of their merger to form a school in Stanley Street in 1858. In 1860, the girls moved to a school in Otter Street, and the boys to Moor Street, with Collingwood Quarries School (established 1855). In 1862, the Otter Street school moved to the Wellington Street corner, and to the St Joseph's Church building in 1863.

In 1886, the present building was opened, operating as a school until 1912, when it was superseded by a building at west of the St Joseph's site.

## **Description**

St Joseph's Church Hall, faces the Wellington Street boundary of the St Joseph's complex, at the corner of Wellington and Otter Streets, and is a brick Gothic Revival building. The east elevation has a lower entrance section with a central door flanked by paired pointed arched window. Its parapet, which reflects the roofline behind, has a triangular pediment at either end; each is surmounted by a fine iron finial. Above the entrance are the words THE WELLINGTON, in raised rendered lettering. The side walls, and those of the main building, are in face red brick, with rendered window dressings, parapet copings and buttress gablets. The building has a gabled slate tiled roof with ventilating gablets along each slope. The east gable-end has tripartite pointed arch windows; both gable-ends are topped with stone crosses. The side walls have plain red brick buttresses with rendered gabled tops. The side walls have paired arched windows with red brick dressings.

## **Significance**

St Joseph's Church Hall, 46 Otter Street, Collingwood, is of local architectural significance. Whilst not a particularly distinguished example of a red brick Gothic Revival ecclesiastical building, it is nonetheless an integral part of the St Joseph's Church complex, which as a whole has social and historical importance in the history of Collingwood. The building is also an important heritage element in the Wellington Street streetscape.

## **Original Source**

Andrew Ward. *Collingwood Conservation Study*. 1995.