

Building: Clifton Hill School No. 1360
Address: Gold Street



Allotment Reference: Section 8, Lots 2, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 10.
National Estate Register: Recommended
Government Buildings Council Register: Registered
National Trust Register: -
Location within Precinct: Clifton Hill Western Residential Precinct
Photo Date: July, 1988
Grantee: Permanently reserved
Original Owner: Minister for Education
Present Owner: Minister for Education
Original Use: State School
Present Use: State School

Construction Date: 1874

Architect: W.H. Ellerker

Bulder: I.T. Hold

Description: A substantial two storeyed Romanesque bi-chromatic brick school building with bluestone plinth, red body bricks and white dressings. The symmetrical form is expressed with end pavillions and recessed central section having a parapet gable ended central feature with octagonal lantern behind. Dog tooth white dressings to the window heads are linked by means of a string course and are distinctive, the lower level windows being segmentally arched and the upper windows round arched.

Condition: Good

Integrity: Fair. Recent alterations at the front are intrusive. At the rear, further additions are early and also intrusive. The roof linings are cement tiles.

History: Opened on 1.4.1874 with Julius Stach as head teacher.

Significance: The Gold Street School is a major work of W.H. Ellerker who had previously worked for the Board of Land and Works during the construction of the Main Trunk Railway Lines of the 1860's. Although defaced by recent additions to the main facade, the concept and detail of the design which compares with the Sebastopol and influenced George Street Fitzroy Schools, can be clearly seen. It is a key building in its precinct.

Recommendations: Recommended for inclusion on the National Estate Register and for Planning Scheme protection.

References:

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