

Building:

former Collingwood (Lithgow St.) School
(Abbotsford No. 1886)

Address:

Lithgow Street



Allotment Reference:

Lot 59

National Estate Register:

Recommended

Government Buildings Register:

Registered

National Trust Register:

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Location within Precinct:

Collingwood Flat Precinct

Photo Date

August, 1988

Grantee:

C. Nicholson, 13-2-1839

Original Owner:

Minister for Education

Present Owner:

Minister for Education

Original Use:

State School

Present Use:

State School

<u>Construction Date:</u>	1877
<u>Architect:</u>	H.R. Bastow (Education Department)
<u>Builder:</u>	Martin and Peacock
<u>Description:</u>	A late two storeyed bi-chromatic brick State School in the Gothic style with lancet arched openings, red brick string courses, voussoirs and drip moulds and steeply sloping parapetted gable ends to projecting pavillions flanking the central gable and entrance. Red brick spandrels are important elements.
<u>Condition:</u>	Good
<u>Integrity:</u>	Good. Terracotta tiled roof, early twentieth century additions at rear.
<u>History:</u>	This school was opened following the closure of SS303 on 30.4.1877, the land having been acquired from St. John Clare. It was built to accommodate 750 pupils for the sum of £4,586. In 1926 four rooms were added and the six galleries altered into twelve classrooms, the Chief architect for the Department being Evan Smith.
<u>Significance:</u>	SS 1886 is typical of the chief architect for the Education Department, H.R. Bastow's work during the 1870's. The elevation being strictly symmetrical (Rathdowne Street, Carlton is similar), the style Gothic and the brickwork patterns and details complex. It is substantially intact and therefore representative of this period which generally preceded the assymetrical facades introduced after 1876.
<u>Recommendations:</u>	Recommended for inclusion on the National Estate Register and for Planning Scheme protection.
<u>References:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Burchell, L. <u>Victorian Schools: A Study in Colonial Government Architecture 1837-1900</u>, MUP, 1980- Education Department of Victoria; <u>Vision and Realisation</u>, 1973, Vol. 3, p.74.- Working drawings of 1926 alterations, PWD.
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