

Princes Hill Roman Catholic School, 543-551 Lygon Street, Princes Hill

Heritage overlay: HO329

City of Yarra Property Number: 212245

What is significant?

The Roman Catholic School at 543-551 Lygon Street, Princes Hill, was created in 1935 for the Roman Catholic Church and has historical associations with persons such as the Rev. Gleeson, pupils and teachers who attended the school. The place has a good integrity to its creation date. Fabric from the creation date at the Roman Catholic School is locally significant within the City of Yarra, compared to other similar places from a similar era.

How is it significant?

The Roman Catholic School at 543-551 Lygon Street, Princes Hill is historically and architecturally significant to the locality of Princes Hill and the City of Yarra.

Why is it significant?

The Roman Catholic School is significant as 'distinguished ... primarily for its social significance, as an example of the important development of a Catholic Primary School, on the edge of the precinct. The main architectural feature of the site is the single storey red brick gabled building clad in terra cotta tiles, and cross shaped finials at the apex of the main gables. ... the school building has a distinctive loggia and is a good example of this era in the development of the precinct.' (Wight 2001)

References:

Municipal rate books:

Melbourne or Victorian directories:

West Side

1944/45; R.C. School

1940; R.C. School

1936; R.C. School

1935; No Listing

Other references:

VPRS 11202/P1 Unit 303

Date/Application/Cost/Description

1 May 1935; 16280; £2,600; Erection of building

17 September 1935; H1817; Fence

VPRS 11200/P/0001 Unit 1854

Application 16280

Plan of Church School for Rev. Gleeson P.P, Corner Lygon and Paterson Sts. North Carlton

Date Received 1/5/1935

YCC copy of MMBW Detail Plan shows as 'school' written in

City of Yarra Review of Heritage Precincts 2007

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Wight 2001: as 561 'The Catholic School in Lygon Street, is unusual in this precinct of predominantly highly intact 19th century style houses, mostly single storey terraces. It is distinguished in its own right primarily for its social significance, as an example of the important development of a Catholic Primary School, on the edge of the precinct. The main architectural feature of the site is the single storey red brick gabled building clad in terra cotta tiles, and cross shaped finials at the apex of the main gables. Designed in a stripped version of the Federation style, the school building has a distinctive loggia and is a good example of this era in the development of the precinct.'