

Seminary, St Josephs Christian Brothers Roman Catholic School complex, 97 (part 73-97) Nicholson Street, Abbotsford

Heritage overlay: HO313

City of Yarra Property Number: 107180

What is significant?

The Seminary at St Josephs Christian Brothers Roman Catholic School complex at 97 Nicholson Street, Abbotsford was created in the period 1950-1960 for the Christian Brothers. The place has a good integrity to its creation date.

Fabric from the creation date at the Seminary St Josephs Christian Brothers Roman Catholic School complex is locally significant within the City of Yarra, compared to other similar places from a similar era.

How is it significant?

The Seminary, at St Josephs Christian Brothers Roman Catholic School complex, is historically and architecturally significant to the locality of Abbotsford and the City of Yarra.

Why is it significant?

The Seminary, St Josephs Christian Brothers Roman Catholic School complex is significant as a two storey brick and tiled, gabled Modern Gothic interpretation and possibly to the design of TG Payne. The building has some bold massing and detailing, executed in brickwork, and has the historical link with the operations of this long-term Catholic education complex in Abbotsford.

References:

Municipal rate books:

Nicholson St 73 - 95, Abbotsford

VPRS 377/P/000

City of Collingwood – Victoria Ward

| Rate year | Rate no. | Occupier | Owner | Description | NAV |
|------------------|------------------------|--|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| 1945/46 | Between 2263 and 2264 | | Blank | Christian Brothers' Technical School | |
| | 73-95 Nicholson St | No NAV | | | |
| 1944/45 | Between 2267 and 2268 | | Blank | Christian Brothers' School | 73- |
| 95 Nicholson St | No NAV | | | | |
| 1943/44 | Between 2268 and 2269 | | Blank | Christian Brothers' School | 73- |
| 95 Nicholson St | No NAV | | | | |
| 1942/43 | Between 2284 and 2285 | | Blank | Christian Brothers' School | 73- |
| 95 Nicholson St | No NAV | | | | |
| 1941/42 | Between 2307 and 2308 | | Blank | Christian Brothers' School | 73- |
| 95 Nicholson St | No NAV | | | | |
| 1940-41 | 2332 | Bowen David crossed out | | Butler Rev R. X. 345 Victoria | |
| | Parade, East Melbourne | 95 Nicholson St, Wood house demolished | | 16 | |
| | Between 2332 and 2233 | | Blank | Christian Brothers' School | 73-93 |
| Nicholson St, | No NAV | | | | |
| 1935/36 | Between 2355 and 2256 | | Blank | Christian Brothers' School | 73- |
| 93 Nicholson St, | No NAV | | | | |
| 1930/31 | Between 2267 and 2268 | | Blank | Christian Brothers' School | 73- |
| 93 Nicholson St, | No NAV | | | | |

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Melbourne or Victorian directories:

Nicholson St 73-95, Abbotsford

Sands and McDougall

West side

Year Number, Address and Name

1974 Mollison st

73-97 Christian Bros Tech College and monastery

1970 73-97 Christian Bros Tech College

1965 73-97 Christian Bros Tech College

1960 73-97 Christian Bros Tech College

1957 73-97 Christian Bros. Tech Coll

1956 73-95 Christian Bros. Tech Coll

97 Robb Leo. C.

1950 Christian Bros Tech College

1944-45 Christian Bros Tech College

1942 Christian Bros Tech College

1941 School being built

1940 No Listing

Other references:

MMBW Detail Plan shows earlier (tannery?) building.

Proclaim: shared property number

Yarra and Melbourne library database: Peters, Russell (Bro.). 'The historical perspective of the school development project, St Joseph's Abbotsford'

Location CFC 285, CFC(2) 285

'A discussion of the theological and educational underpinnings of the Catholic Church's involvement in technical education in the inner suburbs. St Joseph's in Abbotsford opened in 1893 on the site of a former tannery at the corner of Nicholson and Mollison Streets. In 1930, the school was restructured as a technical school to facilitate the entry of young Catholics into trade apprenticeships. Internal administrative controversies are explained, such as, initially, whether to allow non-Catholic examiners for secular subjects, and in the 1960s, the appointment of lay teachers. The author was a trustee of the school.' Typescript, c.1980, 7 pages

St. Joseph's Boys' School, View the image photos/019.jpg, File I/D MPIC 19, PIC 19

Proper Names: St. Joseph's Boys' School

Photographer: Allan Studio, 318 Smith Street, Collingwood

Site Address: 73-97 Nicholson Street

Source: Donated by St. Joseph's Technical School

Descriptors: Schools - St. Joseph's Boys' School (Nicholson Street)

Phys Description: 128 x 182 mm

Abstract

A school photo taken in the yard of St. Joseph's School in Nicholson Street Abbotsford (which became a technical school in 1930 and closed at the end of 1990). With a backdrop of the brick wall of the two-storey school, a group of 200-300 boys are lined up. Behind them are five Christian Brothers and a couple of older boys who could be teachers or prefects. All the boys wear boots and knee-length socks with trousers to the knee or slightly longer. Many wear Norfolk jackets; almost all wear stiff white Eton collars and ties. At least one has a large lace collar and a number wear sailor suits. Two boys stand out because they are wearing jumpers without jackets. Beyond the corrugated iron fence are some mature trees and the backs of houses in Mollison Street.