

# BELLARINE HERITAGE STUDY RECORD SHEET

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Site Name Primary School					

Key Dates:	Original 1910	Major Changes	
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Existing Use/Type  
P. School

Precinct Name

Survey Date

20/11/1995

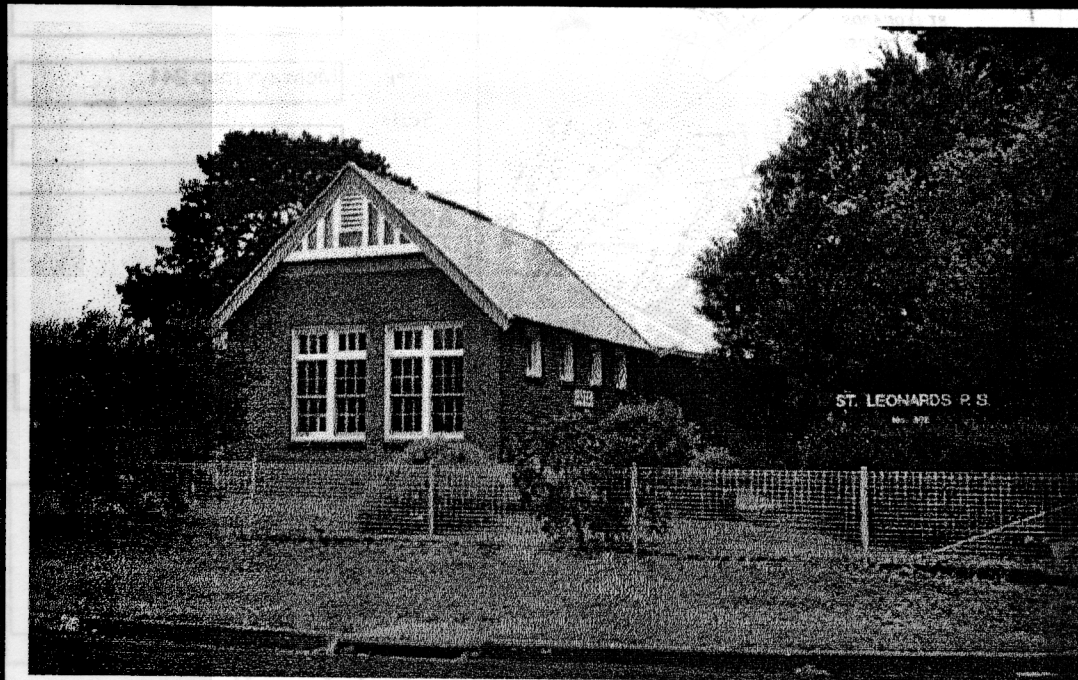
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Recorded By

RL/KF



## Heritage Status:

CATEGORY REGISTRATION NUMBER

### National Estate:

Nominated ☐

Registered ☐

### Historic Buildings Register

Nominated ☐

Registered ☐

### National Trust Register:

☐

### Planning Scheme:

☐

### Historical Archaeological Register :

☐

### Other:

☐

### BHS Degree of Significance

☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

## Condition of the fabric:

☐ Excellent ☒ Good

☐ Fair ☐ Poor

☐ Ruinous ☐ Unexposed

## Integrity of the site:

☐ Excellent ☒ Good

☐ Fair ☐ Poor

☐ Partially excavated

☐ Fully excavated

## Present Threats:

☐ Human; mining

☐ Human; visitor erosion

☐ Human; vandalism

☐ Human; development

☒ Human; conservation/maintenance

☐ Human; stock

☐ Natural Forces; erosion

☐ Natural Forces; vegetation

☐ Not threatened

## Significant Architectural Features:

☒ Original Materials

☐ Original Chimneys

☐ Wall Decoration

☐ Verandah Structure

☐ Verandah Decoration

☐ Original Parapet

☐ other prominent elevations

Original Roof form & finish

Original Openings doors & windows

Original Decoration gable

Original Finish unpainted

☐ Early Garden

☐ Early Fence

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<b>Site Plan/ Location Sketch</b> 	<b>Not To Scale</b> <b>Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates</b> E 299700 N 5772450 Map Melways map 241 Scale 1: 20,000
<b>Access</b>  <b>Informants</b> 	

<b>Ownership:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crown <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Resident owner <input type="checkbox"/> Occupier only Local Govt Area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Greater Geelong	<b>Cadastral Location:</b> County Grant Parish Paywit Allotment Sec 1 Pt C/A 27C Block
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**Physical Description of Site:**

The complex of school buildings is sited on the corner of Murradoc Rd and Wattle Tree Ave, with mature cypress trees on the south boundary.

The older school building is a freestanding single storey brick structure, with a steep pitch gable roof, running east-west, and clad in corrugated iron.

The west elevation features two pairs of off-centre timber framed, multi-paned double hung windows with openable toplights. It has plain timber bargeboards on the gable end, with decorative timber strutwork and a louvered vent

The south elevation has four timber framed, multi-paned, openable clerestorey windows under the eave line.

The building appears relatively unaltered, with new spouting and downpipes, and probably new corrugated metal cladding on the roof.

**Relevant Special Interest Groups:**

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## Types of Sites:

<input type="checkbox"/> monument	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime	<input type="checkbox"/> tree(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> machinery
<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> relic/ruin	<input type="checkbox"/> garden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building
<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> residential	<input type="checkbox"/> fence	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous
<input type="checkbox"/> recreational	<input type="checkbox"/> infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> gate	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	

## Historical Themes:

Early Settlement		Communities	cmEducation
Maritime		Landscapes	
Tourism		The Wider World	
Workforce		Cultural Activity	
Townships		Miscellaneous	

## History of Site/Object/Place:

Early education in Victoria was undertaken primarily by churches and private individuals until the Education Act of 1872 was brought in making the State responsible for the compulsory education of all children.(1)

St. Leonards Primary School no.866 began life in 1874 in a one room weatherboard building on land donated by the Hon. George W. Cole, MP. Attendances were never large and this school was open half time with Paywit North which was located closer to Portarlington.(2)

This new brick school was opened in November 1910.(3) The local community held centenary celebrations for the school in 1973.(4)

## References:

1. Blake, L. (1973) *Vision and Realisation*, p.996
2. ibid p. 1022
3. Wynd, I. (1988) *Balla-wein a history of the Shire of Bellarine*, p.116
4. Mrs. Pat Rigby, pers. comm.

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## Statement of Cultural Significance:

St Leonards Primary School was built in 1910 in Federation style of brick construction and has remained relatively unaltered. It is now located within a complex of school buildings.

St Leonards Primary School is of social and historic value to the local St Leonard's community

It has been the only local educational facility for the St Leonards community for over 120 years. St Leonards Primary School of 1910 is the second school on this site. The earlier weatherboard one-room building opened in 1874 served the small and modest farming and fishing communities at St Leonards, Murradoc and Paywit North. The brick building of 1910 represented the more established nature of St Leonards after the turn of the century.

It is of LOCAL cultural significance.

## Additional Information