

PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM

ADDRESS

491 Glenferrie Road

TYPE

- Single Residence
- Shop
- Office
- Landscape feature
- View
- Multiple Unit Res.
- Outbuildings
- Industrial Building
- Public building
- Other School.

TITLE

Scotch College

EXISTING DESIGNATION

HBR GBR AHC NT VAS

STREETSCAPE LEVEL

1 2 3
 SIGNIFICANT SIGNIFICANT
 STREET TREES KERB & GUTTERS

GRADING

A B C D E
 KEYNOTE BUILDING

RECOMMENDED FOR

(Various, see attached)
 HBR/GBR AHC URBAN CONSERVATION AREA
 VAS PLANNING SCHEME PROTECTION
 CULTURAL LANDSCAPE OTHER
 (Various, see attached)

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Note: see photos attached.

THEME

- Early Settlement
- Mansions
- Victorian Garden Suburb
- Municipal dev.
- 1870s growth
- Garden villas
- Working enclaves
- Commercial Centres
- Edwardian Prosperity
- Interwar Housing
- Flats and Offices

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Date 1917-1926, 1933-1939.
 Architect Henry Kemp, of Ussher and Kemp 1917-1926 } Architects
 Builder Scarborough, Robinson and Love 1933-1939.
 Elements

- Contributing garden
- Landmark tree
- Original or early hard landscape layout
- Original or early fence (portions)

NOTABLE FEATURES/SIGNIFICANCE

See attached

INTEGRITY Good
 Fair
 Poor

CONDITION Good
 Fair
 Poor

CROSS REFERENCED INFORMATION

Associated significant garden

491 GLENFERRIE ROAD
SCOTCH COLLEGE

History

Picturesquely sited on the banks of the Yarra River with playing fields on its lower slopes and an afforested hill in its north-eastern corner, the Scotch College moved from its previous site in Lansdowne Street, East Melbourne, during the World War 1 period to the 64 acre Glen Estate in Hawthorn. The new site has been described as reminiscent of the Scottish country side.¹

The present complex of buildings was constructed in two stages. The first group built between 1917 and 1926 were designed by Henry Kemp, previously of the prominent firm of Ussher and Kemp, noted for their residential buildings. The second group was built between 1933 and 1939 from the designs of Scarborough, Robertson and Love.²

The buildings first constructed on the new site included the original Preparatory School (1917), the gates and gatehouse on Glenferrie Hill (1917), and the Senior Science Block, Quadrangle, War Memorial Hall and School and McKeckan House (all built between 1920 and 1926).³ This first group is in red brick with multi-paned windows, roughcast and half-timbering to upper storeys, gable ends and steeply pitched roofs, typical of Kemp's domestic designs. The cloisters of the Quadrangle and School and McKeckan House are decorated with medieval pointed arches.⁴

The second group of buildings constructed between 1933 and 1939 reflect a change in architectural style. The new architects were Scarborough, Robertson and Love. One of the most notable buildings of this period is the Littlejohn Memorial Chapel built between 1933 and 1936 commemorating the death in 1933 of a well-loved headmaster, Dr. W.J. Littlejohn. The team which won the design competition was J.D. Scarborough, Allan R. Love and J.K. Robertson.⁵ The memorial stone was laid on 12 October 1935 and the service of dedication was held on 18 October 1936. The builders were T.R. and L. Cockram Pty. Ltd., at a cost of 16,794 pounds. The organ was built by Messrs. Hill, Norman and Beard.⁶ Architectural journals were enthusiastic about the completed building, the design of which was based on Albi Cathedral, France, and features a facade with a large traceried window framed within a tall arch and flanked by an octagonal turret. The interior includes outstanding timber fittings and stained glass by Christian Waller and D. Taylor Kellock.⁷

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1. National Trust of Australia (Victoria) File No. 5181.
 2. Ibid, Miles Lewis, *Australian Architectural Index*.
 3. Ibid; M.T. Shaw, *Builders of Melbourne*, p.30.
 4. National Trust File No. 5181.
 5. Age 20 Nov. 1933 (perspective drawing); RVIAJ Nov. 1933, p. 114; Geo. R. King, *The Littlejohn Memorial Chapel Au Appreciation*, pp. 18-19.
 6. Ibid. pp. 21-40.
 7. National Trust File No. 5181; RVIAJ Nov. 1934; pp. 146-147 (includes photographs of interior and exterior).

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Other important College buildings constructed at this time include the John Monash Gates and Lodge (1936); Arthur Robinson House (1937); and Mackie House and Music School (1939).⁸ The second group of buildings were constructed in tapestry brick, combining period and moderne details in what can be described stylistically as Scottish Baronial Moderne.⁹

Description and the Individual Buildings

SITE VISIT REQUIRED

PROVISIONAL LIST

Building	Date	Architect	Grade
Gatehouse & gates	1917	Kemp	A
Original Preparatory School	1917	Kemp	?
Senior Science Block	(1920-26)	Kemp	?
Quadrangle			
War Memorial Hall & School	(1920-26)	Kemp	?
McKeckan House	(1920-26)	Kemp	?
Littlejohn Memorial Chapel	1933-36	Scarborough et al	A
Monash gatehouse & gates	?	"	A
Mackie Hall & Music School	?	"	?
Garden landscape 1917 - present day	?	"	A
etc.			

Assessment - to be inserted after Site visit.

⁸. National Trust File No.

⁹. Ibid.

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Significance

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The Scotch College buildings (built in two stages between 1917 and 1926, and 1933 and 1939), which are in remarkably good condition, are of significance as an outstanding example of a large school complex built in the first half of the present century. They illustrate the continuing importance of educational establishments of excellence within suburban Hawthorn. The buildings have architectural significance as examples of the late residential style of Henry Kemp in the pre-1927 period and of the architects, Scarborough, Love and Robertson during the 1930s, prior to the World War 2. The second group includes the highly acclaimed Littlejohn Memorial Chapel. The siting of the buildings, which has been described as reminiscent of the Scottish country side, enhances the value of the complex. Scotch College remains an important local landmark.



Gatehouse
John Monash gates and Lodge



Gatehouse
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Gatehouse
John Monash gates



Main Entrance
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