

DONCASTER STATE SCHOOL NO. 197

Place No. 213

ADDRESS	679 Doncaster Road Doncaster	Last Update
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DESCRIPTION The Doncaster State School No. 197, constructed c.1886, is an 80-type single room school of dark brown brick in the relatively rare 'Glen Waverley type'. It has a slate jerkinhead roof with wrought iron finials and gable vents over pairs of tall pointed segmental-headed windows. There are string courses and cornice bands. a higher gable roofed wing makes the head of a T-plan. The roof cantilevers forward on timber brackets and the upper section is furnished with a finial. The roof vents have been added later and the galleries removed. This elevation is three bays, the central bay projects with a large pointed segmental head window containing a segmental head pair and single highlight.

It can be compared to Warrandyte Primary (155.14), Doncaster East Primary (194.23), Templestowe Primary (173.07) and Glen Waverley Primary School.

Condition	Good	Integrity	Minor Modifications
Threats		Key elements	Building
Designer			

HISTORY The first local school was held in the Doncaster Lutheran Church (on Waldau Hill, Victoria Street) in 1861. Max von Schramm was the first head teacher at the school. In 1864 a stone school was built on the Doncaster Hill. The building was occupied by the ES&A Bank after 1890 but has since been demolished [3].

After 1873 it became a State School under the new Education Act; the new regulations abolished religious instruction. Schramm resigned in response and set up his own school next door, but his school closed in 1884 [4]. His building, now known as Schramms Cottage and relocated on Waldau Hill, is now operated by the historical society as a museum (refer to separate citation in this Study).

Around 1886 a new school was built to replace a timber school located to the east of the site. The land was purchased from Richard Serpell. This school was an 80-type single room school of dark brown brick in what is now referred to as the 'Glen Waverley type'; this school type was developed from the standard 80 type, and referred to as the Glen Waverley type, although it was first used at Newstead in 1877.

SOURCES

- [1] The stone building had a timber facade added later; see photograph Keogh p.59.
[2] 'State School had humble beginning', The Mirror, 22 February 1967, p.8.

Creation Date	c1886	Change Dates	
Associations		Local Themes	
Max von Schramm		6.03 - Schools	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Of regional significance as a relatively intact and rare Glen Waverley type school. It is of historical importance as an early school within the locality and for its associations with Schramm and the Lutheran settlers. It is also an important landmark on a prominent site, and is part of a group with the Church of Christ and former Shire Hall.

LEVEL

RECOMMENDATIONS

Heritage Register Listings

Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
None Specified			

Extent

Heritage Schedule

External Paint Controls:

On VHR:

VHR Ref No:

Internal Alteration Controls:

Prohibited Uses:

Tree Controls:

Aboriginal Heritage Place:

Outbuildings or Fences:

Incorporated Plan:

Incorporated Plan Details

Description:

Conservation Management

Extra Research

BIBLIOGRAPHY