

PLACE IDENTIFICATION FORM

ADDRESS

Manningtree Road

TYPE

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

TITLE

Glentferrie Primary School. no. 1508.

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

HBR/GBR  AHC  URBAN CONSERVATION AREA   
 VAS  PLANNING SCHEME PROTECTION   
 CULTURAL LANDSCAPE  OTHER  *Sig. Tree Register*

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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 *1877\* (see below)*  
 Architect *Henry Bastow-*  
 Builder *(Ed. Dept. Chief Archt.)*  
 Elements

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

NOTABLE FEATURES/SIGNIFICANCE

*See Butler, Upper Hawthorn Study*  
 See attached

INTEGRITY Good  Fair  Poor   
 CONDITION Good  Fair  Poor

CROSS REFERENCED INFORMATION

Associated significant garden

The site information given above has been determined from external street level inspection.

\* 1880-1881 extended: caretakers cottage and east wing *Martin and Peacock.*  
 1887 - west end added.  
 1907 - Infant School facing Wattle Road.  
 1909 - new caretakers cottage.

LOCATION: GLENFERRIE PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
MANNINGTREE ROAD  
MMPS ZONE: Education Department Reserve  
BUILT: 1876-7

HISTORY - Land was purchased from Peter Lanqwill's subdivision of the Manningtree Estate in 1873, for Glenferrie Primary School, number 1508. Classes began in Burwood Road in the Wesleyan schoolroom (near William Street) in 1875, following requests to the Education Department for a school midway between the existing overcrowded Hawthorn and Camberwell Schools.<sup>1</sup>

The new building in Manningtree Road was designed by Education Department Chief Architect, Henry Bastow and was occupied in March 1877.<sup>2</sup> It was extended by Martin & Peacock, with a caretakers cottage and east wing, in 1880-1.<sup>3</sup> A new cottage was built in 1909.<sup>4</sup> The west end was added in 1887.<sup>5</sup> The Infant School facing Wattle Road was opened in 1907, on land bought late in 1904.<sup>6</sup> St. Columb's Church hall was used for classes when the school was overcrowded in 1887, and in the 1920s during school repairs. The Oddfellows Hall was also used in 1900.

The first headmaster was Daniel Wright, with 230 pupils in March 1875.<sup>7</sup> There were over 900 pupils in 1902,<sup>8</sup> by which time Edward Hamilton was in charge, after Thomas Smith (to 1898).

DESCRIPTION - Built originally as identical to Brown Hill SS 35 (1878), this is a single-storey polychrome brick building with intersecting gabled wings, slate roof cladding and was originally Gothic revival in style. Notable brickwork, consisting of rubbers at the arches, cream chevrons in the walls and moulded terracotta label and string moulds, is also used in corbels, at gable bases and as soldier courses under eaves, using the brown body bricks. The major element of the original central wing, of two gabled bays in a U-plan, is the asymmetrically placed, spired bell-tower which rests on open arcading over a truncated pyramidal brick roof. Subsequent wings, added to the east (1881) and west (1887) share the original finishes and detail; the latter being the nearest to original of all.

Unusual exposure of the former Caretaker's Cottage (1881) occurs (without original yard) on the east wing, as a symmetrical group of rooms about a central gabled bay, with timber barge and shouldered chimney: this is atypical to the school section.

Other details include the fleur-de-lis at the stone gable capping and the oculus roof vents, with arched label moulds, placed in each gable. Similarly asymmetrically towered brick schools include those at Port Melbourne (SS 2932), 1891; Armadale (SS 2634), 1886; Yarraville (SS 1501), 1889; Ballarat (SS 2103), 1878; and Errol Street, North Melbourne (altered).

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MANNINGTREE ROAD

INTEGRITY - Most north-facing gothic-arched window groups replaced with larger multi-pane windows topped with either a broad arch, with lights within, or a flat lintel (all but 1887 wing), sill moulds have been altered to suit and the original diamond brick pattern is now halved; multiple ridge-vents have been added; the stone cappings painted; the entrance door altered; the picket yard fence replaced. 9

STREETSCAPE - A major urban element, opposite the contemporary villas at (79, 81, 83) Manningtree Road.

SIGNIFICANCE - Architecturally, altered in detail and stylistic reference, but retains overall Medieval form and flavour including a notable spired belfry, also a major built element in the area (landmark) : of regional significance.

Historically, a major public building in the study area : of local interest.

ENHANCEMENT - Prepare a detailed restoration plan which should include removal of paint from stonework, repainting trim as original or typical, and replacing picket fence.



REFERENCES: (Abbreviations Key: Appendix 5)

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2. *ibid*, Bill for cartage of school equipment, 1877. Annual Report of Minister of Construction (VPP) 1876/7
3. *ibid*, 1880/1; letters 1/10/1880
4. Glenferrie Primary School (G.P.S.) Centenary pamphlet
5. Annual Report ... 1887/8
6. Eastern Suburbs Gazette, 5/7/1907; G.P.S. Centenary p.4; Letter 12/12/1904, as (1).
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8. Notes from A School for Hawthorn, (ARMI) 1874/5; Report - Inspector Gamble 2/8/1902, as (1).
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