

Balwyn Road Residential Precinct  
Place Citation

### 3 Balwyn Road, Canterbury

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Name	St Duthus		
Place	Residential		
Type			
Date	1903	Survey Date	Dec 2005
Architect	Not known	Previous Grading	D
Builder	E Syon	Grading	D

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Intactness ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor

Heritage ☐ HV ☐ AHC ☐ NT ☐ BPS Heritage Overlay

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#### History

This site was part of Ernst Carter's Heathfield Estate, which extended from Canterbury Road to Erica Street on the west side of Balwyn Road. It was subdivided in 1884. The site was identified as allotment 9, which was purchased by Emmie Collins Eaton in 1889.<sup>1</sup>

By 1903, Miss E McInnes had bought the site and engaged E Syon to construct a five room brick building,<sup>2</sup> which became the St Duthus - High School for Girls and Kindergarten.<sup>3</sup> By 1905 there was also a timber outbuilding at the rear of the site.<sup>4</sup> The school later moved

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- 1 R Da Costa-Adams, information derived from Certificate of Title, vol. 2123/fol. 506
  - 2 Rate book entries cited in R Da Costa-Adams, 'Notes of Balwyn Road, Canterbury Heritage Precinct'
  - 3 R Da Costa-Adams, information from the Camberwell Building Register
  - 4 MMBW plan no. 2221 (1905)

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to the *Grange* site in Mont Albert Road, and was subsequently incorporated into the Junior section of Fintona Girls School.<sup>5</sup>

The current owners have had the paint removed from the building, returning it to a bichromatic brickwork façade. Additions and alterations have been made to the rear.

### **Description & Integrity**

This modest single storey Queen Anne style building has a terracotta tiled roof consisting of hip and gables. The gable ends have timber strapping and peddle dash detailing. There are terracotta ridge capping and tall chimneys, which are of similar detailing to the neighbouring house at 1 Balwyn Road. The walls are red brick with cream brick banding. The offset porch has timber detailing - turned posts, vertical balusters, and arched frieze.

### **Statement of Significance**

One of several, Federation era houses which represent the second major period of development in the precinct. This modest Queen Anne style house is mostly intact externally.

### **Grading and Recommendations**

The site is part of the identified Balwyn Road Residential Precinct, which is recommended for inclusion within the Schedule to the Heritage Overlay.

### **Identified By**

G Butler, 'Camberwell Conservation Study', 1991, vol 5, p7

### **References**

G Butler, 'Camberwell Conservation Study', 1991  
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5 R Da Costa-Adams, 'Notes of Balwyn Road, Canterbury Heritage Precinct'