

**Wesleyan Methodist School House (1871), 300 Church St, Richmond, VIC, Australia**

**Photographs:** None

**List:** Register of the National Estate

**Class:** Historic

**Legal Status:** [Registered](#) (21/10/1980)

**Place ID:** 5405

**Place File No:** 2/11/044/0011

**Nominator's Statement of Significance:**

The Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School building is an integral part of a church complex which includes the original and temporary wooden chapel, permanent stone church and adjacent two storey brick manse. The building is a architectural interest reflecting the contemporary and highly decorative stylistic trends in Victorian architecture of the 1870s.

**Official Values:** Not Available

**Description:**

The former Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School in Church Street, Richmond, adjacent to an earlier chapel was erected by John Thomas in 1871 from designs prepared by Melbourne architects, Crouch and Wilson. The single storey polychromatic building is a symmetrically deposed design about a central dominant belcote, with flanking gables, arched windows and half hipped gable roof in a style reminiscent of school architecture of the 1870s in Victoria.

**History:** Not Available

**Condition and Integrity:**

The Sunday School building has been converted to a small theatre. The extension facade to church street is intact although the original structure has been extended by addition of a porch in 1887 and later classrooms to the west elevation.

**Location:**

South of the present Richmond Uniting Church. Within Church Street-Waltham Place Conservation Area, 300 Church Street, corner Darlington Parade, Richmond.

**Bibliography:**

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