

## HERITAGE CITATION REPORT

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**Name** St Marks Parish Primary School  
**Address** 118 Argyle Street Fawkner  
**Significance Level** 2004 ;  
**Place Type** School - Private



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**Recommended**      **VHR - HI - PS -**  
**Heritage Protection**

## **Integrity**

Altered

## **History and Historical Context**

St Mark's Church and school were established on this site and the first buildings were built in 1934. It was one of the first churches and school to be established in the Fawkner area. During the 1930s mass was also celebrated in the Progress Hall in Merlynston (1932) and in King's Theatre situated in Queens Parade near Princess Street. [1]

Development of Fawkner was slow during the interwar years, however, the provision of electricity by Coburg City Council in the early 1920s provided a stimulus to development. St Mark's was the second school to be established in the area, after the Fawkner State School, which was originally established on a site in Lynch Street in 1908.

Principal Historic Themes:  
Provision of education.

## **Description**

### **Physical Description**

St Mark's Parish Primary School is a small red brick building with clinker brick dressings and a gabled terracotta tiled roof. Walls are in stretcher bond, and a soldier course of clinker bricks runs around the building at plinth level. The gable end facing Argyle Street has three tall windows with arched clinker brick surrounds, infilled with leadlit stained glass. The gable apex is surmounted with a small stone cross. Between the brick piers or buttresses on the side elevations are large timber-framed windows. Later red brick additions, also with gabled roofs, exist adjacent to the west of the original building. A double storey classroom wing stands to the north. There are also other school buildings on the site.

Key Architectural Elements:

Simple red brick building with gabled terracotta tiled roof

Clinker brick soldier string course, window dressings, decorative panels and parapet copings

Leadlit windows on south elevation

Large timber-framed windows on east elevation

Conservation Guidelines:

Preferably remove high cyclone wire fence and low steel side fence.

### **Physical Condition**

Good

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## Statement of Significance

What is Significant?

St Mark's Parish Primary School, comprising the building constructed c.1934, at 118 Argyle Street, Fawkner.

How is it Significant?

St Mark's Parish Primary School is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it Significant?

Of historic and social significance as an early school in the Fawkner area, which demonstrates the suburban development that occurred in the interwar period. (AHC Criteria A.4 & G.1)

Of aesthetic significance as a representative example of a simple Interwar school building, which is notable for the structural and decorative use of clinker brick and the façade detailing. (AHC Criterion E.1)

## Assessment Against Criteria

AHC E1: ie, the school is a good example of a simple clinker brick inter-War building.

## Recommendations 2004

**External Paint Controls**

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**Internal Alteration Controls**

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**Tree Controls**

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**Fences & Outbuildings**

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**Prohibited Uses May Be Permitted**

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**Incorporated Plan**

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**Aboriginal Heritage Place**

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