

Heritage Overlay No.: 071
Citation No.: 189
Place: Melton South State School No. 3717

Other Names of Place: Formerly known as 'Melton Railway School'.
Location: 34-46 Exford Road, Melton South
Critical Dates: 1923
Existing Heritage Listings: None
Recommended Level of Significance: Local



Statement of Significance:

The Melton South State School No.3717, 34-46 Exford Road, Melton South, is significant for its associations with the development of State education in this area of Melton. Built in 1923, the original school building also has significance as an example of a modest interwar school design, and while it has been substantially extended and altered, the original form and design is clearly discernible.

The original building of the Melton South State School No.3737, 34-46 Exford Road, is architecturally significant at a LOCAL level (AHC D.2). Although extended and altered, it still demonstrates some original design qualities for an interwar school building. These qualities include the broad gable roof form, together with the minor gable that projects at the front. Other intact or appropriate qualities include the asymmetrical composition, single storey height, face brick wall construction, galvanised corrugated steel roof cladding, wide eaves, decorative gable infill (timber brackets, panelling and timber battening and the timber lattice ventilators),

small timber framed windows on the front gable (currently boarded over) with concrete lintels and sills, and the 'Melton South School No.3717' title panel between these windows.

The Melton South State School No.3717, 34-46 Exford Road, is historically significant at a LOCAL level (AHC A4). It is an expression of the State primary school system, and of the formation of the 'Melton Railway Station' community at the time, and of its efforts to have a purpose-built school for their children. With the railway station building itself, it is the only remaining early public building remaining in Melton South.

The Melton South State School No.3717, 34-46 Exford Road, is socially significant at a LOCAL level (AHC G1). It is recognised and valued by the Melton South community for educational reasons.

Overall, the Melton South State School No. 3717, 34-46 Exford Road, is of LOCAL significance.