

**BELMONT HERITAGE REPORT (INDIVIDUAL CITATIONS)
(FORMERLY PART OF THE GREATER GEELONG OUTER AREAS HERITAGE STUDY STAGE 2)**

ADMINISTRATIVE SHEET

<p align="center">Existing Use/Type</p> <p align="center">Educational</p>	<p align="center">Key Dates</p> <p align="center">Original 1885c</p> <p align="center">Major Changes 1928, 1978c</p>	<p align="center">Site Address</p> <p align="center">Street/Site Name Mt Pleasant Road</p> <p align="center">Town/Suburb Belmont</p> <p align="center">Postcode 3216</p>
<p>Survey Date 16/04/1998</p> <p>Cons Man Plan</p>	<p>Precinct Name Belmont Heights</p>	<p>No. 51</p> <p>Current Site Name Belmont Primary School</p>
<p>Recorded By David Rowe</p>		



Heritage Status

Register of the National Estate

Database No. File No.

Victorian Heritage Register

Planning Scheme:

C.G.G. HO1729

Heritage Inventory (Archaeological)

National Trust Register:

Other:

Recommended Heritage Listings

Victorian Heritage Register

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Register of the National Estate

HO City of Greater Geelong

Heritage Study Degrees of Significance

A H C Assessment Criteria	Significance Level	
Aesthetic value	<input type="text" value="D.2"/>	<input type="text" value="Local"/>
Historic value	<input type="text" value="A.4"/>	<input type="text" value="Regional"/>
Scientific value	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Social value	<input type="text" value="G.1"/>	<input type="text" value="Local"/>
Overall Significance Level	<input type="text" value="Local"/>	

Condition of the fabric

Excellent

Good

Fair

Poor

Ruinous

Unexposed

Integrity of the site

Excellent

Good

Fair

Poor

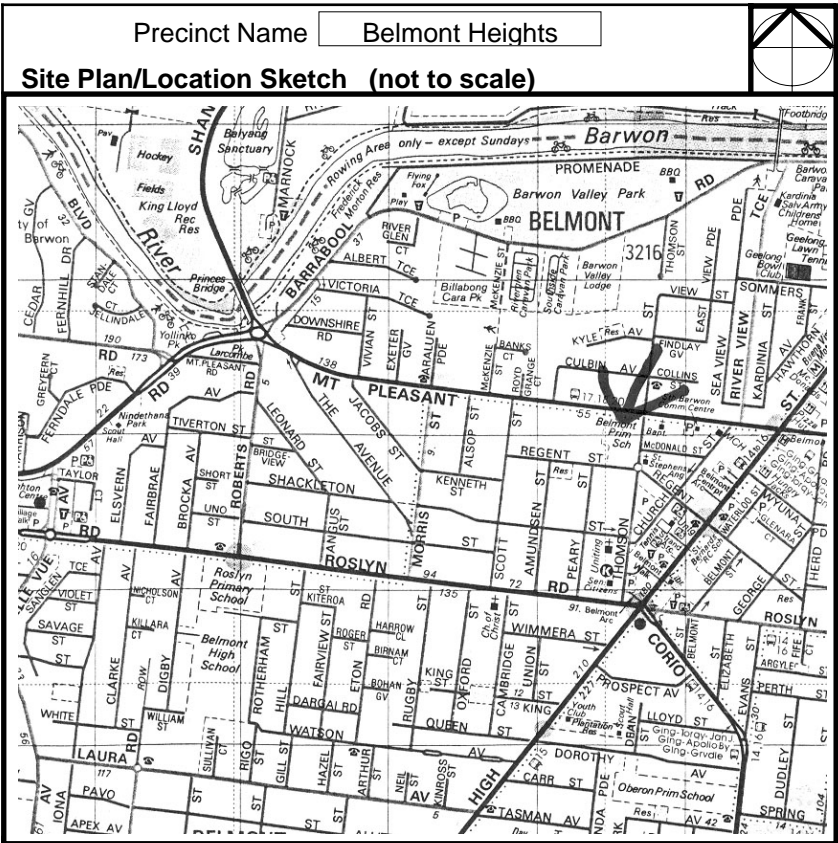
Partially excavated

Fully excavated

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TECHNICAL SHEET



Site Address

No. Street/Site Name

Town/Suburb Postcode

Site Name

Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates

E 267075km N 5771700km

Map

Scale

Ownership

Cadastral Location

County

Parish

Allotment

Block

Types of Sites

- | | | | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> monument | <input type="checkbox"/> recreational | <input type="checkbox"/> residential | <input type="checkbox"/> aviation | <input type="checkbox"/> gate | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> relic/ruin | <input type="checkbox"/> tree(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> religious | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime | <input type="checkbox"/> fence | <input type="checkbox"/> garden | <input type="checkbox"/> machinery | <input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous |

Historical Themes

Heritage Study Theme	AHC Theme No.	Heritage Study Theme	AHC Theme No.
Early settlement	<input type="text"/>	Industry	<input type="text"/>
Maritime	<input type="text"/>	Community Life	<input type="text" value="Education"/>
Tourism	<input type="text"/>	Urbanization	<input type="text"/>
Transport	<input type="text"/>	Landscapes	<input type="text"/>
Townships	<input type="text"/>	Miscellaneous	<input type="text"/>

Significant Architectural Features

- Original Materials
 - Original Chimneys
 - Wall Decoration
 - Verandah Structure
 - Verandah Decoration
 - Original Parapet
 - Other Prominent Elevations
 - Appropriate Fence
 - Early Garden
- Roof
- Openings
- Decoration
- Finish
- Stylistic Character

Present Threats

- Human; mining
- Human; visitor erosion
- Human; vandalism
- Human; development
- Human; conservation/maintenance
- Human; stock
- Natural Forces; erosion
- Natural Forces; vegetation
- Not threatened

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	51	Mt Pleasant Road	Belmont	3216
			Site Name	Belmont Primary School
Description				
<p>The unpainted brick School building at 51 Mount Pleasant Road is within the typical front setbacks of the neighbouring houses visually connected to it. It has vast side setbacks, due to the considerable size of the block. It is bound by a recent wire mesh fence, approximately 1300mm high.</p> <p>The Belmont Primary School is characterised by a complex arrangement of gabled, hipped and flat-roofed brick buildings. The earliest extant section is the gabled red Flemish brick building to the west. Its roof is clad in galvanised corrugated iron. This building is adorned by an early, prominent red brick chimney with a rendered cornice capping. The windows in this wing have early timber frames and are double hung and 15 paned. A rendered lintel and sill provide further definition of the window opening. A more recent horizontal member runs across the windows and gable face, possibly for structural reasons. Two original timber brackets (that once supported a flying timber gable and finial) are extant.</p> <p>The recessed galvanised corrugated iron hipped wing to the east of the original building appear to be the 1928 section. It has a plain, red brick chimney with a soldier course capping. It also has wide eaves and exposed rafters to the eastern facade.</p> <p>Situated flush with the original building is the flat-roofed, yellow brick 1970s wings. They run perpendicular to the original building, between it and the 1928 section. The roofs of these wings are clad in galvanised iron decking. A bulky, squat yellow brick chimney with a recessed soldier course capping adorns the roofline. The Roslyn Road facade is characterised by several single and grouped timber framed double hung and pivot windows. An additional 1980s? red brick and pitched roof wing projects to the east and west from the rear of the original building.</p> <p>The large, open grounds to the south-west and the smaller grounds to the north-east contribute to the significance of the school complex, as does the removable timber building at the rear and memorial gates at the front corner (see separate Record Sheets).</p>				
History				
<p>The brick School building at 51 Mount Pleasant Road appears to have been constructed around 1885, possibly to a design by Education Department architect, Henry Robert Bastow.^{1,2} By 1916, the school boasted over 100 pupils and this led to overcrowding.¹ Subsequently, the constant demands for a larger building were not met until after war time priorities had been completed.¹ In 1928, the north-eastern brick wing was added,¹ and it appears it was at this time when the original eastern gable and central porch were demolished and the roof ventilation stacks removed. By the 1930s, attendances at the school reached 300.¹ However, because of the Depression and the Second World War, there was little opportunity for expansion. The post-war years led to even further attendances and in the late 1970s the Minister for Education, Mr Thompson, opened the large extensions fronting Mount Pleasant Road.¹ These extensions provided new works and the demolition of parts of the original east gabled section.</p> <p>The Education Department architect, Henry Robert Bastow, was appointed in 1873.² An Englishman, Bastow's first employment in Australia was as an architect and surveyor in Tasmania from 1863 and from 1866 he was a draftsman for the Victorian Water Supply and from there he was appointed architect and civil engineer.²</p> <p>L.J. Blake, General Editor of <i>Vision and Realisation</i> and District Inspector of Schools for the Education Department, was a pupil and later a teacher at the Belmont Primary (State) School.³</p>				
Heritage Precinct: Significant Urban Character Features visually connected to this place <i>(this section is only applicable to places in precincts)</i>				
			Precinct Name	Belmont Heights
Neighbouring Buildings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Similar Types <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Bulk/Form <input type="checkbox"/> Similar Styles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Architectural Detailing <input type="checkbox"/> Similar Construction Dates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Materials & Finishes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Set Backs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Fence Designs & Locations			
	Urban Design	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Historical Development <input type="checkbox"/> Original Paving <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Urban Focii <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Allotment Sizes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Views <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Street Furniture <input type="checkbox"/> Original Kerbing		
Landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/> Treelines <input type="checkbox"/> Public Gardens <input type="checkbox"/> Median Strips <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nature Strips			

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			Site Name	Belmont Primary School

Comparative Listings

- Drysdale Primary School, Drysdale.
- Brunswick State School, Brunswick (gable wings only).

Statement of Cultural Significance

The Belmont Primary School complex at 51 Mount Pleasant Road is *aesthetically* significant at a **LOCAL** level. In particular, the extant gabled west wing, although surrounded by several other developments of different periods, still demonstrates original design qualities of the Late Victorian Education Department style. These qualities include the red Flemish brick walling, galvanised corrugated iron roof, prominent red brick chimney with a rendered cornice capping, timber framed double hung 15- pane bank of windows, rendered lintel and sill, and the timber gable brackets. The recessed hipped wing to the east of the original building is also aesthetically significant as it demonstrates qualities of the interwar Education Department style including the red brick walls, galvanised corrugated iron roof, plain red brick chimney with a soldier course capping and wide eaves and exposed rafters to the eastern facade.

The brick school building at 51 Mount Pleasant Road is *historically* significant at a **REGIONAL** level. It is associated with the General Editor of *Vision and Realisation*, L.J. Blake, who was also a District Inspector for the Education Department and more particularly, a pupil and teacher of the Belmont State School. The building is also possibly regionally significant for its associations with the Education Department architect, Henry Robert Bastow.

The brick school building at 51 Mount Pleasant Road is *socially* significant at a **LOCAL** level. It is recognised and highly valued by the community for educational reasons.

Overall the brick school building at 51 Mount Pleasant Road is of **LOCAL** significance.

References

1. Pescott, South Barwon 1857-1985, p.24, 63.
2. Burchell, Victorian Schools: A Study in Colonial Government Architecture 1837-1900.
3. Blake (ed.), Vision and Realisation, vol.1, p.1393, vol.2 pp.1002-1003.

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