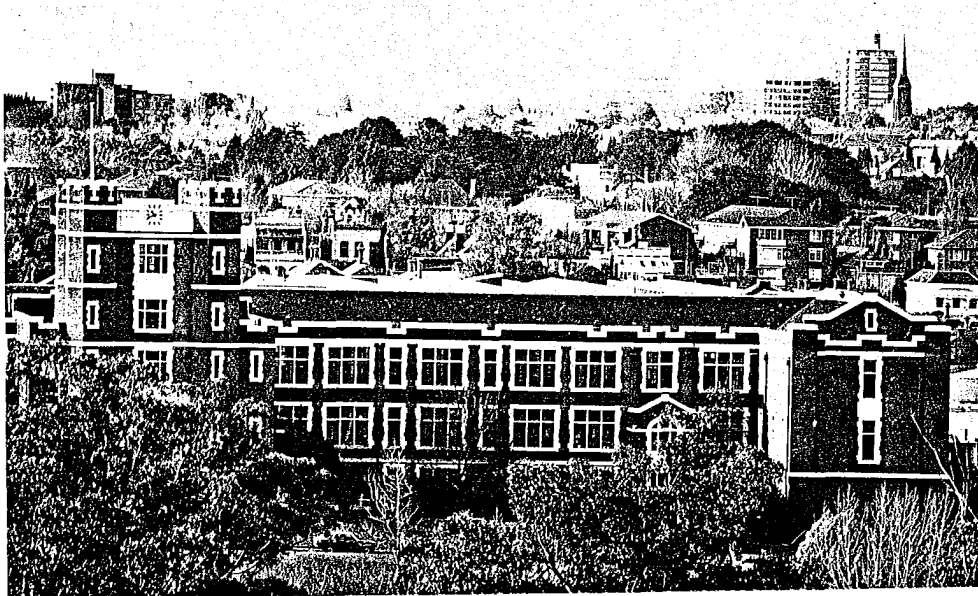


MELBOURNE BOYS HIGH SCHOOL  
Alexandra Avenue, South Yarra



Recommendations It is recommended that this building be retained on the Register of Government Buildings, added to the Register of the National Estate and be protected using the provisions of Clause 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Third Schedule).

History and Description The Melbourne Boys High School was erected in Alexandra Avenue, South Yarra in 1928 by G. S. Gay. The chief architect of the Public Works Department, Edwin Evan Smith, designed the school to accommodate about seven hundred boys on a twelve and half acre site, known originally as Forrest Hill. This land, alienated from the Crown in 1840, was first acquired by James Forrest and its use became the point of much conjecture between the Prahran Council and the Government. However, proposals for a State High School to be established in the southern suburbs instigated a contest between several local councils and in 1924 the Forrest Hill site was selected. The school, subsequently erected, was designed in a castellated style and features octagonal towers with battlements. The brown brick building features strong contrasting around windows and its crenellated parapet.

Significance Both the site and building of Melbourne Boys High School are historically important in the City of Prahan. The building is of an imposing size and character, and this accentuated by its prominent location.

Intactness The Melbourne Boys High School, South Yarra is substantially intact.

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