

TOORAK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Canterbury Road, Toorak



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 Toorak Primary School was erected in Canterbury Road in 1889, largely based on the design of Richmond North erected the year before. Both buildings employ terracotta ornament on their red brick facades, tall paired windows, half-timbering and vertical strips on their chimneys which display the influence of the Queen Anne Revival in English architecture, as was applied to many London Board schools in England. In 1914 extensive alterations for remodelling were carried out.

Significance The Toorak Primary School is an intact building which shows the dominant influence of the London Board schools upon Melbourne school design in the 1880s. The similarity to the Richmond North Primary School is of interest as are particular details such as the terracotta panels in the front gables.

Intactness This primary school is substantially intact although such minor alterations as re-roofing have occurred.