

ARMADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Densham Road, Armadale



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 central section of the Armadale Primary School in Densham Road, was erected in 1886 and the side wings added in 1891 and 1899. The architect, S. E. Bindley designed the latter extension and was possibly responsible for the entire design. The brown brick building employs coarse Gothic elements such as pointed arch openings, buttresses, steep gable roofs, tall chimneys, simple cream brick patterned brickwork and a slender, square entrance tower with spire in an overall asymmetrical composition. Because of the coarseness of detailing, the resulting building is heavy in appearance.

Significance The Armadale Primary School is an intact example of the Gothic style as adopted in the design of a later urban school. Together with the other four primary schools in Prahran, it is an important and intact school building in the area.

Intactness This primary school building, erected over a number of years last century is substantially intact.

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