

3.0 UNDERSTANDING THE PLACE

3.1 Chronology

The campus has evolved since episodically 1850 (see Figure 3). A full chronology of the site is at Appendix A.



Figure 3 Plan of chronological site development (dates are at Table 1)

The buildings and structures on the site are below (Table 1). The primary heritage assets are in **bold**:

Table 1 List of buildings and structures at Convent of Mercy and Academy of Mary Immaculate site

<i>Letter on plan</i>	<i>Building name</i>	<i>Construction date</i>
A	Goold's residence	1850
B	Kennedy's residence	1850
C	Addition to Goold's residence	1854
D	Addition to Goold's residence (school)	1858
E	Addition to Goold's residence (convent)	1861-62
F and G	Additions to Kennedy's residence (school)	1862-63
H and I	First stage of Palmer Street Classrooms building	1869-71
J	Second stage of Palmer Street Classroom	1880-81
K	Ursula Frayne Chapel	1887-91
L	Twelve Sisters House	1891
M	Single storey kitchen to Goold Residence	Pre-1897, but with later alterations
N	Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes	1908
O	Classroom addition to Kennedy Residence	1922
P	High brick surrounding fence	1926-29
Q	Two-storey balcony	1929-33
R	Infill addition to Twelve Sisters House	1930s
S	Walsh Building	1954-55
T	School office extension	1958
U	Perpetua Wing	1965-67
V	McKenna Building	1971-73
W	Three-level fire escape to Ursula Frayne Chapel	1978

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X	School office rooms	1978
Y	Dillon Centre	1995-96
Z	McAllen Science Centre	2014

3.2 Previous heritage studies

The Academy of Mary Immaculate (and former Convent of Mercy) have been the subject of numerous previous heritage studies, reports and architectural surveys, the most of notable of which are listed in chronological order below:

- National Trust & Historical Commission Docs, 'Classifications', F.N. 3783, 1979, provided by Academy of Mary Immaculate archives.
- 'Convent of Mercy Chapel – Citation' and '2.3 Conservation Areas: A1 Nicholson Street Precinct' in Jacobs Lewis Vines Architects in conjunction with Dr. M. B. Lewis and the Fitzroy Urban Planning Office, *South Fitzroy Conservation Study*, Commissioned by the Fitzroy City Council and the Historic Buildings Preservation Council, March 1979
- Allom Lovell & Associates Pty Ltd, *Fitzroy Urban Conservation Study Review: Report, Planning Guidelines and Thematic History*, prepared for the City of Fitzroy, November 1992, (No citation, identified in a list of already heritage listed buildings only).

3.3 Physical description

The subject site is a densely developed school and religious complex with buildings and structures dating from 1850 to 2014. Generally speaking, the nineteenth century buildings are located at the west and south of the site, with twentieth and twenty-first century school buildings generally located to the east and north.

The primary address is to Nicholson Street (Figure 4, Figure 5), which has an interwar ecclesiastical presentation, with the two-storey balcony/screen to the two nineteenth century residences and 1862 chapel addition linked stylistically with the 1954-55 Walsh building to the north. At the south-east corner of the site, buildings retain their nineteenth century presentation to Nicholson and Palmer streets. The sandstone Ursula Frayne Chapel is a dominant presence on the site (Figure 6), with the Palmer Street classrooms retaining their nineteenth century presentation (Figure 7). A tall, rendered brick fence is located to the west and east boundaries, dating from c. 1926-1929.