

**BUILDING TITLE:** George Street Primary School No 4777      **BUILDING ADDRESS:** George street  
**LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:** A ||      B ||      C |X|      D ||      E ||      **BUILDING TYPE:** school  
**DESIGNATION:** HBR Reg No      File #      AHC File #      NT File #      Class ||      Rec ||  
**CONSERVATION AREA:** outside      **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:**      1 ||      2 ||      3 ||  
**STYLE:** Functionalist

**CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:**

1. 1957 (first opened)
2. 1960s (extensions)
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

**Sources:**

- 1 Garden, Don, Hamilton, p 239

**MATERIALS:**

**Roof:** corrugated iron  
**Walls:** concrete blocks  
**Dressings:** timber  
**Plinth:** concrete blocks  
**Windows:** timber awnings  
**Paving:** concrete  
**Other:**

**SURVEY DATE:** 5/8/91      **NEG FILE:** 12/4      **REPORTER:** tfh  
**INTEGRITY:** E |X|      G ||      F ||      P ||      **NOTABLE FEATURES:** use of concrete blocks and standard design;  
native garden

**CONDITION:** E |X|      G ||      F ||      P ||

**SIGNIFICANCE:** Built to accommodate the baby boomers and the children in the newly developed Housing Commission Estates in east Hamilton. Locally significant as an example of the ubiquitous standard design.

**ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

<b>Appropriate:</b>	Rec	<b>Inappropriate:</b>	Rec
none required		none apparent	

O=reinstate original design      S=reinstate sympathetic alternative      R=remove      RAM=remove by approved method

<b>SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS:</b>	<b>ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:</b>	<b>TITLE:</b>
originally outside city boundaries		Sec      CA
Church of England (land)	Public Works Department	
	Education Department	

**COUNCIL COMPUTER #**

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

George Street Primary School No. 4777  
George Street

This building has local significance for its architectural interest as a 1950s structure using new materials (concrete blocks) and a standard design, and for its historical associations with the development of primary education in the Hamilton district which began with the formation of the Grange township in the 1850s, and for its associations with the opening of Housing Commission of Victoria areas (Kokoda Avenue) in Hamilton a century later. The need for a new primary school in the town was created by the development of the Housing Commission area adjacent to the Hamilton Golf Links. A school was established in September 1957 on the east side of the town on land originally owned by the Church of England. Increased enrolments led to later additions to the original building of cement blocks. <sup>(i)</sup> The building is significantly intact and in excellent condition.

### ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Education: State Primary Schools  
Evolution of the Town: 1950s & 1960s

### ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS

Kent Road Primary School No. 4847, Kent Road  
Hamilton Primary School No 295, 42 Gray Street  
Hamilton North Primary School No 2035, Andrews Street

### REFERENCES

Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, 1984.  
Blake, Les, ed., *Vision and Realisation*, vol II, 1973.

### FOOTNOTES

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<sup>i</sup> Garden, Don, *Hamilton*, p 239; *Vision and Realisation*, vol II, p 126.