

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: STATE SCHOOL NO. 2118

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 124 Church Street COLERAINE

STUDY NUMBER: 103

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:

OTHER NAME/S OF PLACE: COLERAINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRECINCT: Coleraine

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Southern Grampians Shire

SECTION: State School Reserve & Extension
PARISH: PARISH OF COLERAINE

ACCESS DESCRIPTION:

CFA 430J-8. Located on a large block of land, bounded by Cameron Street to the south, McConochie Street to the north, Laidlaw Street to the east and McKebery Street to the west. Approximately four blocks south west of the centre of Coleraine.

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Coleraine Primary School is a collection of buildings situated on a large site with frontages to both Church and McConochie Streets. The original school, built in 1940 is constructed of shiplap weatherboards with a corrugated iron roof, large multipaned windows, and a brick entrance porch surmounted by a flagpole. In the original layout, the school comprised an entrance foyer, two ordinary classrooms, a science room, a double classroom with an accordion partition, a teachers' room and school office.

The school was extended in the 1960s, with a wing of additional classrooms erected on the south side. A free standing library was constructed in the 1970s opposite the main entrance. The library holds a scale model of the now demolished 1878 brick school. To the north of the main building stands a ten sided enclosed rotunda-style shelter shed transported in the 1960s from the earlier Coleraine Primary School site in Henty Street. A large stadium or joint-use facility, 33m x 22m with services, located in the south-east corner of the school grounds, was built in 1980. It has the potential to be extended for squash courts. Other outbuildings include a bicycle shed and art room constructed in the 1990s.

The entrance area contains a number of significant items. The school bell from the former school in Henty Street stands beside the front porch. Numerous plaques and commemorative items, including Rolls of Honour brought from the earlier school site are fixed to the walls in the entrance porch and foyer areas.

HISTORY:

Coleraine's first educational facilities were available in 1854, and were from the Anglican Church (now the Anglican Church Sunday School) on the corner of Church and Henty Streets (Raggat, 11). In 1862, the school was taken over by the National Education Board, and by 1872, the school was run by the State, known as Common School No. 135 (ibid.).

The school remained a common School until 1878, when a new brick State School (No. 2118) opened on the triangular block of land bounded by Henty and McKebery Streets and the Portland Road. The school was able to accommodate 166 children (ibid.), and had been designed by the Public Works Department in the same style as that of Heidelberg State School, but with three rooms, a passage and a bell turret (Raggat, 14). The builders were Lewis and Roberts of Ballarat, who constructed the building for 1420 pounds and fourteen shillings (ibid.). The school was built with a bell turret, which was subsequently removed, and the bell re-erected on a stand outside the front porch, with a rope through the porch, so that it could be pulled from inside. The bell is now located in front of the present school in Church Street.

Various structural repair work was undertaken to stabilize the brick school and residence between 1915 and 1930, and various shelters and smaller buildings were constructed on the site, including the a ten sided rotunda (for shelter) built in 1912 and Infant School constructed in 1923-24. The Infant School was a freestanding timber structure measuring 50 feet by 20 feet.

In 1937 the brick school was condemned as unsafe, as poor foundations and soil movement caused cracking of the walls. The Minister of Education at the time decided to rebuild the school on a new site in Church Street, its current location. Despite vigorous protest by parents and community members, the construction of a new timber school of two classrooms, a science room, teachers room, office and a double classroom was opened December 17, 1940 (Raggat, 21).

The new school building was designed by P. E Everett, Chief Architect of the Public Works Department, and built by E. H Patterson, building contractors for a cost of 4,050 pounds (ibid.). The Wannan Shire President, Cr. C. McKebery, laid the foundation block of the new school on May 24th, 1940 and Sir John

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Harris, the Minister of Education, opened the building, and submitted an article to the local paper.

In the following years, several other buildings were constructed on the site including a new bicycle shed and a new classroom (1962). Two shelter pavilions were erected, one being the reconstructed 10 sided pavilion from the old School site (ibid.). The front entrance to the school was reconstructed in 1962, as the original brick entrance had developed deep cracking and was feared to be unsafe.

Local building contractors Adelwohrer and Baudinette built a freestanding library in 1975 with \$6 000 raised by the school and a State Government grant of \$42 000. It is not known if there was an architect involved. The school continues as a State School today.

THEMATIC CONTEXT:

Theme 6 Educating

6.2 Establishing schools

6.5 Educating people in remote places

CONDITION:

The Coleraine Primary School is in excellent condition, with obvious signs of regular maintenance. The 1970s library building is a particularly intact and aesthetically pleasing example of the modern architecture of its era. The ceilings in many sections of the original school were repaired or replaced with matching building materials.

INTEGRITY:

Very high degree of integrity.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

What is significant?

The Coleraine Primary School (State School No. 2118) is a collection of buildings situated on a large site with frontages to both Church and McConochie Streets. The school is the second site and the second school building, the original 1878 brick building was condemned as unsafe and destroyed in 1937. The new school designed by the chief Architect of the Public Works Department, P.E. Everett. The school building was completed in 1940 and is constructed of shiplap weatherboards with a corrugated iron roof, large multipaned windows, and a brick entrance porch surmounted by a flagpole. The school was extended in the 1960s, with a wing of additional classrooms erected on the south side. A freestanding library was constructed in the 1975 opposite the main entrance. To the north of the main building stands a ten sided enclosed rotunda-style shelter shed transported and re-erected in the 1960s from the earlier Coleraine Primary School site in Henty Street. A number of significant items are displayed in the entrance, and school bell from the 1878 school in Henty Street stands beside the front porch. Numerous plaques and commemorative items, including Rolls of Honour brought from the earlier school site are fixed to the walls in the entrance porch and foyer areas.

How is it significant?

The Coleraine Primary School (State School No. 2118) is of historic, cultural and architectural significance to the township of Coleraine and the Southern Grampians Shire.

Why is it significant?

State School No. 2118 is of historic significance as the expression of the early community's struggle for education, and for its association with over 150 years of schooling in the area. It is of cultural significance as the focus for the community. The school is of architectural significance for its use of traditional forms, and for its associations with P. E. Everett, the Chief Architect of the Public Works Department, who designed the 1940s shiplap school building.

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COMPARISON:

175 Balmoral Consolidated School, Coleraine Road and Simson Street, Balmoral

062 Nareen Hall Complex, Nareen Road, Nareen

089 National School (former), Cnr. Henty and Church Street, Coleraine

195 State School No. 1418, Knight's Road, Byaduk North

160 State School No. 4362 (former) and Residence, Zig Zag Road, Konong Wootong North

ASSESSED BY: AEN

ASSESSMENT DATE: 14/07/2003

EXISTING LISTINGS:

HERITAGE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS:

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme

No Recommendations for Inclusions

REFERENCES:

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