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# Laverton State School No. 2857 (Former)



Laverton State School No.  
2857 (former), Hobsons Bay  
Heritage Study 2006

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## Location

43 Kiora Street ALTONA MEADOWS, Hobsons Bay City

## Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO164

## Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Laverton State School No 2857 (former), designed by the Public Works Department and constructed in 1888 with later alterations and additions, at 43 Kiora Street, Altona Meadows.

How is it Significant?

The Laverton State School No 2857 (former) is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

#### Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as the oldest school building in the municipality and is one of the only surviving one-room schools in the metropolitan area. It demonstrates the somewhat premature speculative development of Laverton over 100 years ago, as well as the beginnings of Free Education in Victoria in the decade after the Education Act of 1876. (AHC criteria A4 and B2)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a rare surviving example of a relatively intact nineteenth century one-room brick school, which illustrates the types of standard schools that were erected during the late nineteenth century. (AHC criteria B2 and D2)

Socially, it is significant as the focus of the local community over a long period and the subject of recent extensive community action to seek its preservation. (AHC criterion G1)

Heritage Study/Consultant    Hobsons Bay - Hobsons Bay Heritage Study, Hobsons Bay City Council, 2006;

Architect/Designer            Public Works Department,

Hermes Number                15096

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

This is a gabled rendered brick school sited at the corner with Cameron Avenue. The roof is clad with slates and the gable ends trussed, with ornamental finials. A gabled porch is at each end. The related picket fence erected on the boundary is a recent addition.

Modifications to the original building included the replacement of the original segment arch windows at the front and back (original examples remain in the side elevations), the window hoods added to the side windows, and the removal of the shelter on the west side.

## Integrity

External Condition

Good

External Integrity

Moderate.

## Physical Description 2

Context

Located as it is among much later housing, the school is a landmark in the area.

## Physical Description 3

## *Associations*

Education Department, Victorian Colonial Government

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