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# Former St Joseph's Catholic School

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## Location

6 LYONS STREET NORTH, BALLARAT CENTRAL - PROPERTY NUMBER 2053573, BALLARAT CITY

## Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO167

## Heritage Listing

Ballarat City

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## Statement of Significance

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**What is significant?**

**How is it significant?**

**Why is it significant?**

Heritage Study/Consultant	Ballarat - Ballarat Heritage Precincts Study, Dr David Rowe and Wendy Jacobs, 2006;
Construction dates	1931,
Architect/Designer	Kelly, Cyril C.,
Hermes Number	177247
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

*The source of this description is the 2007 Conservation Management Plan prepared by Rowe & Jacobs.*

The former St Joseph's Catholic is an elongated brick interwar building with a tiled gabled and hipped roof. It is meticulously detailed, having round-arched niches in the brick chimneys, a front facade (to Lyons Street) with a stepped brick parapet and niche complete and figure sculpture, and a northern colonnade (which was later glazed). A central early door opening on the west facade has been replaced with a timber framed pointed arched window opening with brickwork below. The building has projecting eaves with exposed timber rafters and large timber framed multipaned windows on the south elevation. At the rear is an early flat roofed brick wing, together with introduced skillion and gabled additions.

Internally, the building appears to be predominantly intact. It was originally designed as four classrooms accessed by an open colonnade to the north, together with a rear (eastern) porch and store. Three of the four classrooms retain their original spatial configuration, although the western-most classroom has been divided into four smaller spaces and the original central doorway on the west wall has been bricked up. Some of the original internal detailing is also intact, including the stained v jointed timber lined ceiling in the colonnade, strapped coffered plaster sheet ceilings in the classrooms, corner brick niches with fireplaces, hard plaster wall finishes with staff moulds and the timber and glazed doors. Other original details include the timber framed blackboard with bracketed cornice and sill in the eastern-most classroom.

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