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## Location

1312-1326 High Street, MALVERN VIC 3144 - Property No 21004

## Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO478

## Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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## Statement of Significance

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Relevant themes from the City of Stonnington Environmental History are indicated by TEH.

### *What is significant?*

The Tower Building at De La Salle College, 1312-1326 High Street, Malvern is a double storey clinker brick school building in the Collegiate Gothic style. Built in 1929 to designs by noted Catholic Church architect Bart Moriarty, the Tower Building represented De La Salle College's first major phase of expansion after relocation

from smaller premises adjacent to the tram depot on Stanhope Street.

Elements that contribute to the significance of the place include (but are not limited to):

- The original external form, materials and detailing.
- The building's generally high level of integrity to its original design (including the unpainted state of the face brickwork).
- The legibility of the original double-storey envelope.
- The building's landmark presence and its visually dominant role within this part of the school grounds.
- Generally unimpeded views to the building from Dalny Street.
- Existing view corridors from Stanhope Street (above and between other buildings and structures), particularly the clear sightlines to the tower.
- The general absence of modern signage on and around the building.

Modern alterations and additions, including the verandah, window frames and awnings on the north elevation, are not significant.

#### *How is it significant?*

The Tower Building at De La Salle College, Malvern is of historical and architectural significance at a local level.

#### *Why is it significant?*

The Tower Building is historically significant as evidence of De La Salle College's major interwar phase of development, and the school's status as a prestigious educational institution. The building is more generally reflective of the Catholic Church's historically important role in establishing denominational schools in Victoria (TEH 9.4 Catholic Schools, Criterion A).

Architecturally, the Tower Building is significant as a fine and substantially intact example of an institutional building in the Collegiate Gothic mode (Criterion D). The building's crenellated tower and strong streetscape presence contributes to its status as a local landmark (Criterion E).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - Heritage Places in the City of Stonnington - Heritage Citations Project, Bryce Raworth Pty Ltd, 2013;
Construction dates	1929,
Architect/Designer	Moriarty, Bart,
Hermes Number	195700
Property Number	

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## Local Historical Themes

The Tower Building, De La Salle College, Malvern illustrates the following themes, as identified in the *Stonnington Thematic Environmental History* (Context Pty Ltd, 2006):

9.3 Developing the private school system

9.4 Catholic Schools

## Physical Description 1

The Tower Building is located at De La Salle College's Tiverton campus, near the corner of Stanhope Street and Dalny Street, Malvern. It is a double-storey clinker brick structure in the collegiate Gothic mode. The building has

a long rectangular plan form, orientated on a broadly east-west axis with the principal elevation facing Stanhope Street. This elevation has a buttressed and crenelated tower at its centre with narrow arched windows above a ground floor entry. The tower is flanked on either side by a ground floor arcade, divided into regular bays by paired buttresses. The first floor bays contain tripartite timber-framed windows with strongly expressed mullions. The Dalny Street elevation is an imposing asymmetrical composition with paired buttresses and a parapeted gable end displaying the school crest in render.

The building exterior remains substantially to its interwar state intact apart from the loss of most of the original window frames on the rear (north) elevation. There is also a modern verandah on this side of the building supported by concrete columns.

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