

Geelong Grammar School original 1912-13 building complex

Location

50 Biddlecombe Road, CORIO VIC 3214 - Property No 281225

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO142

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The original buildings of Geelong Grammar School were constructed in 1912-13 following an architectural competition in which the premiated entry was submitted by Gerard Wight and Philip Hudson, acting as architects in association. The Corio site was chosen following extensive debate and controversy over removal form the Maude Street Geelong building established in 1855. The present Grammar School, appropriately designed in a Medieval Revival style is dominated by a squat clock tower and cloistered facade. The chapel, dining room, classrooms and dormitory are built of red brick with contrasting render. The school is the most distinguished private school in Victoria.

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Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Hermes Number 21711

Property Number

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