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## ESSENDON HIGH SCHOOL (FORMER)



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Essendon Conservation  
Study 1985

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### Location

286-290 BUCKLEY STREET, ESSENDON, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

### Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1294

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO44

### Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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### Statement of Significance

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Architecturally, a good intermediately sized and externally complete example of Evan Smith's period as Chief Architect; the neo-Georgian public building style in Victoria being virtually confined to his oeuvre; of regional

importance.

Historically, locally important as an original and large public building, financed directly by the locality.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Essendon Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1985;
Construction dates	1912, 1926,
Architect/Designer	Smith, Edwin Evan, Watson, George W.,
Other Names	Essendon Keilor College,
Hermes Number	23956
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Typical of designs prepared under Smith, this two level, stuccoed, neo-Georgian structure has bold compositional elements consisting of a heavy, broken pediment over the central bay, deep eaves bracketing and smooth rustication to pilasters all set against bland wall surfaces and austere detailing of the architraves and strings. Another simply conceived element is the Tuscan order porch. Marseilles-pattern terracotta tiles provide an unexpected dash of colour to the Dutch-hipped roof, whilst a complementary sombre green is lent by a contemporary cypress row nearby.

## Integrity

Generally original.

## Physical Description 2

### Streetscape

A contrasting part of a dominantly red brick, Edwardian period complex, which itself contrasts with the generally later, adjoining residential development.

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