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# LOWTHER HALL ANGLICAN GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL



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## Location

17-29 LESLIE ROAD, ESSENDON, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0146

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO60

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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This place is included on the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR H0146) as a place of State significance. Please refer to the VHR citation for the statement of significance. The local statement of significance is as follows:

*Architecturally, a near externally original successful design in a grand Roman style of architecture unmatched by few other contemporary private houses for its grandeur, also possessing major internal elements, uncommon use of superposed columns and the use of a style normally reserved for public buildings: of State importance.*

*Historically, representative of Essendon's pastoral period and more directly its richest industrialist family arising from the pastoral wealth: of regional importance.*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Essendon Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1985;
Construction dates	1890,
Architect/Designer	Lawson & Grey,
Other Names	Earlsbrae, House,
Hermes Number	23992
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## Physical Description 1

Earlsbrae was described as follows in 1890: The building, designed in the Corinthian style of Architecture, is of somewhat massive and imposing proportions. Along the main or western facade and returning on portions of the northern and southern, will be a colonnade of 16 massive columns, the principal entrance doorway being centrally situated in the western front and having a projecting portico, surmounted by a pediment. From the main doorway, the vestibule and hall, will lead to a central staircase hall, 24 feet square, carried up through the interior and finished with an ornamentally glazed, panelled and enriched dome... '.

Typically the upper-level was to be 'boudoirs' and above that a promenade floor constructed on the roof. Aedicules at external windows and pedimented over doors, internally, added to the grand nature of the design.

A gravelled carriage sweep, was then enclosed by a dense planting of shrubbery whilst the cypress row (recently removed) probably evolved from planting early this century.

Viewed from the street, little appears to have changed but enclosure of part of the side verandah and painting of the stucco under the upper verandah are evidence.

### *Streetscape*

Isolated and set back within lesser scaled and more recent urban environment but identifiable as an early house in the subdivision.

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