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# Monivae (Sacred Heart) College



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## Location

Ballarat Road HAMILTON, Southern Grampians Shire

## Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

## Level of significance

Stage 2 study complete

## Heritage Listing

Southern Grampians Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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**SIGNIFICANCE:** » The principle Catholic boarding school west of Ballarat and a 20th century parallel to the Hamilton and Western District College.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Monivae College  
Ballarat Road

After a false start at Monivae Homestead on the Port Fairy Road and some vacillations on the Ballarat Road, the Sacred Heart College which took its name from the old house was started in 1953. The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) had been asked to establish the school by the Bishop of Ballarat as early as 1946. ([i]) The

architect, Lionel D San Miguel, designed the building. San Miguel had an extensive practice before and after the Second World War which included much work for the Catholic Church. He had designed the Sacred heart Monastery at Croydon, St Joseph's College in Warrnambool and St Anthony's Church, Fairfield. ([ii]) He turned from his successful work in the Spanish Mission style to a more austere detailed International style building. It seems that he was influenced by American designs for colleges. ([iii]) The builder was R A Strahan who had his yard across the Ballarat Road. The Clerk of Works was Stan Mentz who had worked on the Croydon Monastery. ([iv])

The school opened for day-boys and boarders in 1954 and went co-ed in 1970, "developing a strong sporting tradition of which it is very proud". ([v]) The school takes its place beside the Hamilton and Western District College, other denominational schools and the various public schools in Hamilton to make the city an important regional educational centre. The building is of local significance for its architecture and brief history. The building is significantly intact and in excellent condition. One of the largest structures in Hamilton, Monivae College marks the entrance to Hamilton on the Ballarat Road.

[i] *Monivae*, 1962, (School Magazine), pp 9-21, for a full history.

[ii] Ibid, and conversation with Mr John Mockridge, architect. He may also have designed St Agnes' Church, Moorabbin and part of St Paul's Orphanage, South Melbourne.

[iii] His first design for the homestead site had three radiating wings, like Wesley College in Melbourne whose American origins are clearly established.

[iv] *Monivae*, (School Magazine).

[v] Garden, D, *Hamilton*, pp 238-9.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Southern Grampians - City of Hamilton Conservation Study, Timothy Hubbard with Carlotta Kellaway & Michael Looker (plus Francis Punch), 1991; |
| Construction dates        | 1953, 1954,   |
| Architect/Designer        | San Miguel, Lionel D.,  |
| Hermes Number             | 26658   |
| Property Number           |   |

## Physical Description 1

### MATERIALS:

**Roof:** »

**Walls:** »cream brick

**Dressings:** »cement render

**Plinth:** »cream brick

**Windows:** »aluminium

**Paving:** »gravel/asphalt

**Other:** »glazed terra cotta tiles

## Physical Description 2

**NOTABLE FEATURES:**»One of the largest buildings in Hamilton and marks the entrance on the Ballarat Road.

## Integrity

INTEGRITY: E

CONDITION: E

## **Historical Australian Themes**

### **ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES**

Evolution of the Town: 1960s

Education: Catholic

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