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# PRESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL No.1494



Preston Primary School, 240  
Tyler Street

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## Location

240 TYLER STREET, PRESTON, DAREBIN CITY

## Municipality

DAREBIN CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO251

## Heritage Listing

Darebin City

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## Statement of Significance

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### *What is significant?*

The Preston (North) Primary School No.1494 at 240 Tyler Street, Preston constructed in two stages in 1922 and 1926 is significant. The design is typical of 1920s schools and uses face red brick with rendered detail, tall multi-paned windows arranged in groups, and a hipped terracotta tile roof with several tall brick chimneys with rendered tops and terracotta pots. A rendered panel adjacent to the entrance has the name of the school.

Later alterations and additions to the 1920s buildings and other buildings on the site are not significant.

*How is it significant?*

The Preston (North) Primary School No.1494 at 240 Tyler Street, Preston is of local historic, architectural and social significance to Darebin City.

*Why is it significant?*

Historically, the Preston (North) Primary School No.1494 is significant as the second state primary school to open in Preston. The 1920s buildings illustrate the strong growth experienced in Preston during the inter-war period. (AHC criteria A.4, D.2)

The Preston (North) Primary School No.1494 is architecturally significant as a representative example of an inter-war Education Department school complex. (AHC criterion D.2)

Socially, the Preston (North) Primary School No.1494 is significant as an educational facility that has been known, used and valued by the Preston community for over 130 years. (AHC Criteria G.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant Darebin - Darebin Heritage Study, Context P/L, 2011;

Construction dates 1875, 1922, 1926,

Architect/Designer Smith, Edwin Evan, Public Works Department,

Other Names Preston North Primary School No.1494,

Hermes Number 27152

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## Physical Description 1

A substantial two-storey brick primary school situated on the northeast corner of Tyler and Foch Streets. The school was established in the 1870s, but the current buildings on the site have been built in stages from 1922. The two-storey 1920s building, which was constructed in two stages, is typical of the Education Department's suburban schools of this period. It is faced in red brick, which is rendered in places, and has a hipped terracotta tile roof. The south elevation, facing Tyler Street, has a Classically-inspired pediment/porch over the entrance at its west end. Fenestration is generally multi-paned double-hung sash windows with pivot sashes at their tops. There are several tall brick chimneys with rendered tops and terracotta pots.

At the rear of the 1920s buildings is a complex of Light Timber Construction (LTC) classrooms and aluminium portables. The school also has another campus to its south in Shakespeare Avenue, between Bowden and Ellison Streets, which is comprised of mostly LTC's and portables.

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