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# Brynmawr, Sacred Heart Convent & Organ



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## Location

172 Burke Road GLEN IRIS, STONNINGTON CITY

## Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO7

## Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

A 2-storey building of 1859 to which a two-storey balcony and portico were added in the 1870s. Notable as the only identifiable work of the architect Geroge Wharton. First Classified 20/12/73 Revised: Classified Local 3/8/98  
Organ Statement of Significance: This organ was built by the noted French firm of Merklin & Cie, Paris & Lyon, in the late 19th century for St Joseph's Convent, Marseilles. When the Religious Order was disbanded by government decree, the organ was shipped to Melbourne and erected in the Chapel by Fincham & Son in 1905. Apart from the addition of electric blowing, the organ appears to remain totally intact and is thus a rare example of French romantic organbuilding. The console is reversed, with terraced stop-jambes and foot-operated couplers,

and the Gothic case has been grained in an oak finish. First Classified 28/7/83 Revised: Classified Local 3/8/98

*National Trust Register (Online) Citation - File can be viewed in attachments*

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - City of Stonnington Heritage Overlay Report (Stages 1-5) 1998, Bryce Raworth P/L, 1998; Stonnington - Malvern City Urban Character Study Appendix B Preliminary Heritage Assessment, Graeme Butler and Architectural Historian Laceworks Landscape Collaborative, 1989; Stonnington - References to National Trust of Australia (Vic) Register, National Trust of Australia, 1900;
Construction dates	1859,
Architect/Designer	Pearson, George,
Other Names	172 Burke Road, Glen Iris,
Hermes Number	30494
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

School Buildings, Convent of the Sacred Heart, Glen Iris, are a red brick, L-shaped complex, comprising the three storey with attic S .E. wing (1890) and the N.W. chapel wing (1904) ,built to designs of Tappin, Gilbert and Dennehy. A bluestone plinth supports tuck-pointed brickwork, with details apparently sandstone (S.E. wing) and stucco (Chapel wing). Roofs are of slate, with unusual terra cotta ridge cappings and dormer windows.

School Buildings, Convent of the Sacred Heart, Glen Iris, are a local landmark and typify late 19th century convent/school buildings.

Stylistically, the earliest S.E. wing is a utilitarian gothic revival style, with decorative arches, large brick chimneys and dormer windows with patterned sides relieving the severity of the design. The Chapel wing (1904) is in a Tudor revival style, the Chapel itself being of note for the fan vault ,tracery decorating the barrel. vaulted ceiling and its European fittings.

School Buildings, Convent of the Sacred Heart, Glen Iris, are substantially intact, although a castellated lift motor room. and extensive unsympathetic buildings to the east and north have been added

## Physical Description 2

Pipe Organ - Cross References to HO351

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## Local Historical Themes

3.3.2 Crown land sales 1854-1879 9.4 Catholic Schools

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