
R. C. Church Seminary & Offices

Location

21 Elgin Avenue ARMADALE, Stonnington City

Municipality

STONNINGTON CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO36

Heritage Listing

Stonnington City

Statement of Significance

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This intact example of a grand Victorian mansion still located on a large allotment, has state significance for design reasons. It demonstrates the building styles popular among the wealthy in the 'Prahran district, and is important architecturally for its elaborate decorative treatment and external intactness. The site has local aesthetic significance for its large open space, although the early garden features have been removed.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Stonnington - Conservation Review City of Prahran Volume 2: Individual Buildings (A1), Context Pty Ltd, 1993;
Construction dates	1899,
Other Names	21 Elgin Avenue, Armadale, Roman Catholic Church Seminary and Offices, former Elgin Hall Guest House,
Hermes Number	30561

Physical Description 1

The house appears to be largely intact and demonstrates grand Italianate architectural detail. The broad facade addressing Elgin Street has a pair of ornate bay windows on each storey, each containing narrow, arched double hung windows. The balcony returns on both sides and is infilled on the southern side. Elegant cast iron columns are paired and bracketed with fine lacework with a few segments missing. The roof is hidden behind a continuous parapet wall, complete with balustrade and frieze. The grand residence is situated on raised foundations with most of the area lawned with occasional established plantings. Later buildings are located to the south-east of the house.

Local Historical Themes

8.4.1 Houses as a symbol of wealth, status and fashion

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