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# DUMBALK NORTH STATE SCHOOL NO.2945 (FORMER)



Dumbalk North State School  
No. 2945 (former) image26

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## Location

29 MILFORD ROAD, DUMBALK NORTH, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The former Dumbalk North State School No. 2945, designed by the Public Works Department and constructed in 1927, at 29 Milford Road, Dumbalk North is significant. It is a typical Interwar one-room school of standard design with a gable roof and an offset projecting gable porch to the north. It has two sets of tall multi-pane double hung windows to the south and a single set to the north, and there are simple gable end brackets and a louvred vent in the gable peak. The Chinese Windmill Palm (*Trachycarpus fortunei*) planted centrally in the front yard also contributes to the significance of the place.

Non-original alterations and additions and other buildings on the site are not significant.

### How is it significant?

The former Dumbalk North State School No. 2945 is of local historic significance to South Gippsland Shire.

### Why is it significant?

Historically, this former school is associated with the development of Dumbalk North after World War I, when closer settlement resulted in the need for a permanent school to serve the district. Together with the nearby former Methodist Church, it provides tangible evidence of what was the community centre of Dumbalk North. The remnant palm in the front yard demonstrates the tradition of Arbor Day and improvements made to the school grounds by students and the community. (Criterion A)

It has aesthetic significance as an Interwar timber school with typical form and detailing set within mature trees, which is an historic landmark within the Dumbalk North district. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1927, 1927, 1927,
Architect/Designer	Public Works Department,
Other Names	Extra, Melton South Type, Former Dumbalk North School,
Hermes Number	30569
Property Number	

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### Physical Description 1

The former Dumbalk North State School No. 2945 is a typical weatherboard gable roof single school room with an offset projecting gable porch to the north. It has two sets of multi-pane double hung windows to the south and a single set to the north, and there are simple gable end brackets and a louvred vent in the gable peak. It has been painted yellow. There is a single palm tree planted centrally in the front yard that suggests a formal garden at some point, and there are other mature trees within the grounds.

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