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## FISH CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL NO.3028



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### Location

6 FOSTER ROAD, FISH CREEK, 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?

Fish Creek Primary School No. 3028, to the extent of the original school, built in 1901 and relocated to this site in 1926 and the former Mirboo West School No. 3371, relocated to this site in 1929, at 10 Foster Road, Fish Creek is significant. The two school buildings, which have been joined together, are of typical design with weatherboard walls, gabled iron roofs and banks of multi-paned windows in the east end elevations. The 1901 Fish Creek school, to the rear (south) retains the gabled entry porch with a side door and one tall multi-paned window in the north side elevation. The former Mirboo West school, which is slightly offset to the west, has high set square multi-pane windows in the north side elevation, a louvered vent in the east gable end, and slatted brackets to the gable ends.

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

#### How is it significant?

Fish Creek Primary School No. 3028 is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to South Gippsland Shire.

### **Why is it significant?**

Historically, the 1901 Fish Creek school is one of the oldest extant school buildings in South Gippsland Shire and is associated with the development of Fish Creek in the early twentieth century. The relocation of the school to this larger site in 1926 and the addition of the former Mirboo South classroom in 1929 demonstrates the increase in enrolments due to closer settlement after World War I, as well as the increasing centralisation of schools across the South Gippsland Shire, from the late 1920s onwards. (Criterion A)

Aesthetically, it is an example of cojoined one room schools, which demonstrates the consistency of rural school design during the Federation and interwar periods. (Criterion E)

Socially, it is significant as a place that has strong associations with the Fish Creek community through its use as the local school for almost 100 years on the current site. The school was established with the support of the local community, and they have continued to play an active role in the development of the school since its opening. (Criterion G)

Heritage Study/Consultant	South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004;
Construction dates	1901, 1910, 1901, 1915, 1926, 1901, 1915, 1926,
Architect/Designer	Public Works Department, Cohen, JB,
Other Names	Fish Creek Primary School,
Hermes Number	30587
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

The Fish Creek Primary School No. 3028 comprises a complex of three originally free-standing single room Federation and interwar school buildings that have been joined together. It includes the original Fish Creek school building (closest to the Falls Road frontage?) constructed in 1901 and later remodelled in 1915 and 1926, to which has been added the former Mirboo West School, and the former Hoddle Range School.

The original form and extent of the three schools can still be interpreted. They were all weatherboard gabled buildings of similar standard design and layout with multi-paned windows with hoppers above in one end elevation.

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