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# LOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 2912



Loch Primary School

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## Location

VICTORIA ROAD, LOCH, SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Municipality

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO83

## Heritage Listing

South Gippsland Shire

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

Loch State School No. 2912, comprising the buildings constructed between 1892 and 1926, at Victoria Road, Loch.

### Why is it significant?

Loch State School No. 2912 is of local historic, aesthetic and social significance to South Gippsland Shire.

Historically, it is the oldest extant school building in the Shire and demonstrates the early development of educational facilities. The later buildings illustrate the rapid development that occurred in Loch following the opening of the South Eastern Railway in 1890. (AHC criteria - A.4 and D.2)

Aesthetically, it is of interest as a combination of three single room classrooms added at intervals as the attendance increased. Although these are of distinctly different periods and slightly different sizes, the consistency of design for the Education Department is apparent. (AHC criterion - E.1) Socially, the school has played an important role in the development of the Loch community. (AHC criterion - G.1)

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | South Gippsland - South Gippsland Heritage Study, David Helms with Trevor Westmore, 2004; |
| Construction dates        | 1892,   |
| Architect/Designer        | Public Works Department,  |
| Hermes Number             | 30882   |
| Property Number           |   |

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## Physical Description 1

The Loch State School No. 2912 at 2 Victoria Road, Loch, is comprised of three separate similar single room classrooms, which are presumed to be the 1892 original, with the additional rooms added in 1910 and 1926. They are identical in detail but vary in size with the central element projecting at the south and the three now linked by a transverse hip. It is unclear which is the original building, or from where the additional two rooms were moved (It is assumed they were according to common practice). Each room has a multi-sash bank of double hung windows with hoppers over in the south walls and louvred vents in the gable ends, but the original entry porches have been removed in the construction of the connecting passage and the addition of later classrooms. The site contains many fine examples of exotic specimen trees.

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