
St Dominic's Catholic Church

Location

822 Riversdale Road, Camberwell, Boroondara City

Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO228

Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1991

Significance of Individual Property

Historically, the church was initially carried in the old tradition of Gothic revival using basalt, more typical of the great church-building boom between 1870 and 1890. It is one of the last such Gothic churches to be constructed in the archdiocese of Melbourne. Its links with the Dominican order also make it distinctive among Melbourne's parish churches: of Regional interest.

Architecturally, the church can be seen from many parts of the city and as such is a Camberwell landmark. The architectural approach to the second stage totally belies the conservatism of the first, providing an unusual adaptation of traditional Gothic ornament and creating an outstanding architectural work, both in its form and detailing: of Regional importance.

HO228 Holyrood Estate and Environs, Camberwell

The Holyrood Estate and Environs, Camberwell, is named after the Riversdale Road 'Holyrood' mansion (by Reed, Smart and Tappin, 1890, now St Dominic's Priory) from which the land was taken to create the Estate. The estate is an area of heritage significance for the following reasons:

- The place features a highly intact collection of 1920s-30s housing.

- The place strongly reflects the Camberwell municipal by-laws of the time which sought to raise and maintain the level of amenity and consistency within the Camberwell area through controlling the size of houses, front and side setbacks and materials.
- The place contains the notable St Dominic's Church, which was constructed at the time the Estate was developed.
- The place comprises a generally intact interwar landscape with concrete roads and related mature street trees.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Camberwell Conservation Study, Graeme Butler, 1991; Boroondara - Review of Heritage Overlay Precinct Citations, Lovell Chen P/L, Architects & Heritage Consultants, 2006;
Hermes Number	51940
Property Number	

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