

3 Brenbeal Street, Balwyn Statement of Significance

Heritage Place:

3 Brenbeal Street BALWYN

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What is significant?

The former All Hallows' Catholic Church-School, designed and built in 1930 by architect and builder Robert L Harper, is significant.

How is it significant?

The All Hallows' Catholic Church-School is of local historic and social to the City of Boroondara.

Why is it significant?

The former All Hallows' Catholic Church-School is historically significant as a highly intact and rare surviving example of a modest Catholic Church building erected in Boroondara during the interwar period, purpose-built to function both as a church and a school during the time when the Catholic Archdiocese carried out a large-scale building program across Melbourne. Its early origins are demonstrated by its traditional hall form with gabled porch, the use of face brick walls, terracotta roof tiles, metal roof vents, and half-timbering to the front gable. Its construction removed the necessity for local Catholics to travel long distances for Mass, and served the needs of Catholic school-children in the rapidly expanding parish of Surrey Hills. (Criterion A)

The former All Hallows Catholic Church-School is of social significance for its connection to the Catholic community of Balwyn, Deepdene and Camberwell, and the associated school communities. (Criterion G)

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