

**Camberwell South Primary School
No. 4170, 4 Peate Avenue, Glen Iris
Statement of Significance, January 2020**

Heritage Place: <i>Camberwell South Primary School No. 4170 4 Peate Avenue, Glen Iris</i>	PS ref no: HO893
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What is significant?

Camberwell South Primary School No. 4170 at 4 Peate Avenue, Glen Iris, is significant. The school was built in 1925 to a 1924 design by Victorian Public Works Department (PWD) Chief Architect E Evan Smith (1870-1965). The foundations were designed to carry an upper storey, which was added in 1937, overseen by then PWD Chief Architect Percy E Everett (1888-1967).

Later school buildings within the school site and post-1937 additions and alterations to the building are not significant.

How is it significant?

Camberwell South Primary School No. 4170 is of local historic, architectural (representative) and social significance to the City of Boroondara.

Why is it significant?

Established in 1925 and enlarged in 1937, Camberwell South Primary School No. 4170 was built in direct response to the rapid suburban growth during the interwar period of the northern portion of Glen Iris, near the southern border of Camberwell. Glen Iris had largely remained a semi-rural landscape up until the beginning of the 20th century. Accompanied by the expansion of sewerage services and improved public transportation, it became a desirable location for middle class suburban residences, and the landscape changed through an intensive boom of residential development between the 1910s and 1940s. During the 1920s, new schools such as Camberwell South were built to serve this growing population, and extended during the consecutive decades to house a growing school population. The school is an expression of the local community through their agitation for its initial construction following overcrowding at neighbouring schools. (Criterion A)

Camberwell South Primary School No. 4170 is architecturally significance as a representative example of the Georgian Revival school buildings favoured in the 1920s under Public Works Department Chief Architect E Evan Smith. It shares with them a common materiality of red face brick

walls, often with smooth or roughcast rendered accents, hipped roofs clad in terracotta tiles, tall multi-paned windows, the use of projecting or receding pavilions often to create a symmetrical composition, and feature entrance porches or porticos. It is notable that the formal Palladian massing with lower flanking pavilions creating a symmetrical composition was retained as were the stripped Georgian details in the 1937 addition of an upper storey. (Criterion D)

Camberwell South Primary School as a whole is of social significance due to its long tenure at this site since 1925 as a centre of the local community. Its many alumni hold strong associations with the school. (Criterion G)

Primary source

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