

Victorian Heritage Database place details - 14/12/2019

SACRED HEART CONVENT AND COLLEGE



Location:

61 RETREAT ROAD NEWTOWN, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number: H0555

Listing Authority: VHR

Extent of Registration:

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 555 Sacred Heart Convent and College, Retreat Road, Newtown (the interiors and exteriors of the convent, chapel and belfry tower, the exteriors of the 1864 bluestone building and the balance of the quadrangle buildings including the quadrangle and the land defined on the plan held by the Department of Planning but excluding the brick classrooms).

[Victoria Government Gazette No. 77 11 July 1984 p. 2352]

Statement of Significance:

The Sacred Heart Convent of Mercy was established in 1859-60 in a large colonial single storey mansion house `Sunville' erected c 1850 for J W Belcher, and acquired by the Catholic Church in 1855. J.L. Shaw, Geelong architect, designed the original orphanage building in 1864 and the boarding school of 1869, with the new convent building being erected 1872-74 to designs by noted church architect, T.A. Kelly. This complex of buildings, mainly of bluestone with Barrabool freestone dressings, is one of the finest convents in Victoria suitably styled in the Gothic Revival traditions and with important associations with the foundation of Catholic education in Victoria.

[Geelong Region Historic Buildings & Objects Study]

Heritage Study	
Year Construction Started	1864
Architect / Designer	Shaw, Joseph L
Architectural Style	Victorian Period (1851-1901) Gothic Revival
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place
Municipality	["GREATER GEELONG CITY"]
Other names	
History	