

Victorian Heritage Database Report  
**SACRED HEART CONVENT AND COLLEGE**

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**Location:**

61 RETREAT ROAD NEWTOWN, GREATER GEELONG CITY

**Heritage Status / Level of Significance:**

Registered

**Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number: H0555**

**Listing Authority: VHR**

**Heritage Overlay Number: HO220**

**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. JL 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, TA 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 / Consultant	
Construction Date Range	1864 -
Architect / Designer	Shaw, Joseph L
Municipality	GREATER GEELONG CITY
Other names	
Hermes number	880
Property number	

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