

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 23	Category: 1
Assessment Date: 05/11/1996	Last Revision Date: 08/07/2009	
HCWA Number: 13215	Asset ID: MCH126969	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	St Patrick's College
Other Names:	George Road
Type of Place:	School
Address:	George Road
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference:	15.16	GPS Northing:	6814309.00	GPS Easting:	266680.000
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Photo Description:

1/02/2008

Rod Milne

View from George Street of the original school building.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lots 73-75	Assess No.:	14633
Reserv No.:		Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

Original Use:	School		
Current Use:	School		
Ownership:			
Public Access:	Restricted	Occupied:	Occupied

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Brick	Roof:	Tile
Condition:	Not applicable	Integrity:	
Original fabric:	Main building		
Modifications:	Glass balcony enclosures		

Set in a prominent position, this is a large and imposing two storey L-shaped brick school building with a tiled roof. The original section faces west and has a gable roof which extends broken-back to cover verandahs to the upper level. The roof is punctuated by a centrally located three storey tower with a pyramid shaped hipped roof. The tower forms a breakfront to the west facade and contains the main entry. The third floor of the tower has three small, narrow arched windows to the front facade with two small rectangular windows below. The ground floor of the tower has an arched entry via five concrete steps. The second storey verandahs have glass enclosures and below arched brickwork forms an arcade each side of the central entry. Windows to the main section are narrow and double hung with 4 panes over 1 pane and rendered cills and lintels.

The second side of the L, facing Bayly Street, is of similar style brick and tile construction and has large double hung timber windows set below concrete lintels. A small curved metal entry porch is set to the centre of the south facade. Located immediately to the north is St. Patrick's House which has undergone many alterations over the years. It is a rendered masonry building with a hipped tile roof and brick arches to the verandah.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1936	Source:	Foundation Stone
Architect:	Unknown		
Builder:	Unknown		

On 22 June, 1925 Bishop Ryan wrote to the Australian Provincial of the Christian Brothers asking for two or three Brothers to be sent to Geraldton to operate a school. On 11 December, 1925, Br. Celsus O'Donnell arrived in Geraldton and towards the end of January, 1926 preparations were made for the accommodation of the boarders. A four-roomed cottage was fitted out as a dormitory and on 31 January, 1926 the first boarder arrived. The school was opened on 2 February, 1926 and on 15 February there were 10 boarders and 60 day boys in attendance. The Bishop donated the 11 acres of land where the present school is located and it was built in 1936 at a cost of £9,000. The foundation stone on the main building at St. Patrick's College reads: "This College of the Irish Christian Brothers was blessed and opened by His Lordship Most Rev. Dr J.P. O'Collins, Bishop of Geraldton on Sunday, Nov 1, 1936."
(Source: "St Patrick's College, Geraldton - Diamond Jubilee, 1986", p39)
In 1994 St Patrick's College amalgamated with Stella Maris College. According to Shirley Scotter the Priest's House was built by Sir Edwardbe. Further, the wall around the college was built by stonemason Mr Bochetti.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	402 Education and science 406 Religion 408 Institutions
AHC:	6.2 Establishing schools 8.6.3 Founding Australian religious institutions

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Patrick's College and adjacent St. Patrick's House have considerable historic significance as an educational institution in operation since 1936 and for its association with the Christian Brothers. The school building has considerable aesthetic significance given its prominent location, large and dominant scale and built features such as the tower and archways. The place makes an important contribution to the built environment of Geraldton and is held in high esteem by the local community.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	1
Level of Significance:	EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: Essential to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is considered essential. Any proposed change should not unduly impact on the significance of the place and be in accordance with either a Conservation Plan or Heritage Impact Statement.

OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Norris, C., "Memories of Champion Bay".
"St Patrick's College, Geraldton - Diamond Jubilee, 1986".
"Cathedral Chronicle", Sept & Nov 1961.
GLLSPC - Buildings (Schools).

OTHER PHOTOS



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Front elevation of the main building.