

Area: Geraldton	Place Number: 34	Category: 2
Assessment Date: 08/12/1996	Last Revision Date: 10/07/2009	
HCWA Number: 13226	Asset ID: MCH127007	

PLACE DETAILS

Name:	Geraldton Secondary College
Other Names:	Carson Terrace
Type of Place:	School
Address:	Carson Terrace
Suburb:	Geraldton

LOCATION

Map Reference: 15.14	GPS Northing: 6814064.00	GPS Easting: 266938.000
	GPS Northing: 0000	GPS Easting: 000



Photo Description:

10/08/2007

Rod Milne

View of the main school building from Carson Terrace.

SITE DETAILS

Lot No.:	Lot 3224	Assess No.:	10483
Reserv No.:	24062	Vol/Fol:	
Dia/Plan:			

USE OF PLACE

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

DESCRIPTION

Walls:	Brick	Roof:	Tile
Condition:	Not applicable	Integrity:	
Original fabric:			
Modifications:	Various additions over time		

The Geraldton Senior College consists of one large two storey rendered brick building with single storey wings to the north and west. The main section has a tiled hipped roof which is punctuated by plain rendered chimneys. The north facade features two brick towers, which appear to be later additions, and a verandah with brick pillars. The walls of the building are generally rendered and painted with exposed brickwork to the ground floor below window sill height. Windows are timber framed and double hung except for the tower which has aluminium framed windows. Beyond the west wing is a single storey Library building which is connected to the main building by covered walkways. To the south east of the main building is a c1960s concrete brutalist style two storey building housing additional classrooms.

HISTORY

Construction Date:	1939	Source:	Foundation Stone
Architect:	A.E. Clare		
Builder:	Geraldton Building Company		

Designed by architect A.E. Clare, the foundation stone of the Geraldton High School was laid on 22 July 1939. Built by the Geraldton Building Company, the school was opened later that year by the then Labour Premier John Willcock. Until then the senior grade children were housed at the Geraldton Primary School (1917-39). The first Headmaster was Dr.

Fowler. During World War II the recently completed school was turned into a dressing station but could be used as a hospital if an emergency arose. The quadrangle was a mass of trenches and, later, air raid shelters. (Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996, p244, Smith, K.R., "The Birth of a Legend", GBC, 1994, p.34, 37-8 & Foundation Stone) In 1997 the Geraldton High School amalgamated with John Willcock High School (est 1975) to form the Geraldton Secondary College.

HISTORIC THEMES

HCWA:	402 Education and science 202 Rail and light rail transport
AHC:	6.2 Establishing schools 3.11.5 Establishing water supplies

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Geraldton Secondary College has considerable historic significance as an educational institution established in 1939 which has played an important role in the local community. It is a large building which is representative of high schools constructed in that era. It has a commanding institutional presence to Carson Terrace and fulfills a valuable social role for Geraldton and the surrounding districts.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY

Management Category:	2
Level of Significance:	CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE: Very important to the heritage of the locality.
Management Recommendation:	Conservation of the place is highly recommended. Any proposed change should not unduly impact on the heritage values of the place and should retain significant fabric wherever feasible.

OTHER LISTINGS

No other listings

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Bain, M.A., "A Life of its Own", City of Geraldton, 1996.

Smith, K.R., "The Birth of a Legend", GBC, 1994.

GLLSPC - Buildings (Schools).

"Pictorial Souvenir of Geraldton, WA".

"Geraldton: a photographic history", Geraldton Regional Library, 2004, pp. 156-159.

OTHER PHOTOS



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View of the main school building, south elevation.