



Heritage Citation



Holy Spirit School

Key details

Addresses	At 36 Villiers Street, New Farm, Queensland 4005
Type of place	Private school
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Georgian Revival
Lot plan	L5_RP9118
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 30 October 2000 Date of Citation — November 2010
Construction	Roof: Tile; Walls: Face brick

People/associations	Cullen and Egan (Architect); K.D. Morris (Builder)
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Criterion for listing	(A) Historical; (G) Social
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This purpose-built Holy Spirit School building was blessed and opened by Archbishop Duhig on Sunday 26 September 1937. The two-storey, interwar Georgian Revival building was designed by architects Cullen and Egan and built by K.D. Morris. It replaced an early timber residence which had operated as New Farm's first Catholic Church from 1923, and then a church-school until 1930. At this stage it became the Holy Spirit School which was staffed by the Sisters of Mercy. The 1937 school building and later adjoining wing, are part of a Catholic precinct of buildings that include the Holy Spirit Church (1930), school hall (1966), convent (1970) and presbytery (1975). The precinct is linked by a path to 'Wynberg' (c1880s), the official residence of Brisbane's Catholic archbishop of Brisbane.

Statement of significance

Relevant assessment criteria

This is a place of local heritage significance and meets one or more of the local heritage criteria under the Heritage planning scheme policy of the *Brisbane City Plan 2014*. It is significant because:

Historical

CRITERION A

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the city's or local area's history

as a school building constructed during the interwar period to provide a Catholic education to New Farm's growing population.

Social

CRITERION G

The place has a strong or special association with the life or work of a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons

as a school which has met the educational and religious needs of local Catholic children since 1937 and which is part of a larger Catholic precinct.

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