

Heritage Citation



Nudgee Junior College

Key details

Also known as	Ambrose Treacy College, Junior College of St. Joseph's Christian Brothers' College
Addresses	At 74 Kate Street, Indooroopilly, Queensland 4068
Type of place	College
Period	Interwar 1919-1939
Style	Functionalist
Lot plan	L1_SP297758
Key dates	Local Heritage Place Since — 1 July 2002 Date of Citation — October 2012
Construction	Roof: Terracotta tile; Walls: Face brick

People/associations	J.P. Donoghue and C.W.T. Fulton (Architect)
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Criterion for listing	(E) Aesthetic; (F) Technical; (G) Social; (H) Historical association
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The Nudgee Junior College at Indooroopilly was blessed and opened on 10 July 1938 by Archbishop Duhig. It was built to ease the boarding accommodation shortage at Nudgee College on the north of Brisbane. During World War II, the Junior College was taken over by the United States military and the US Army Station Hospital - the 153rd was established on the site in April 1942. Since the 1950s, the school has had various alterations and additions and in 1994, the boarding was relocated to Nudgee Senior College and Nudgee Junior became a day school.

This imposing masonry school building, designed by notable Brisbane architectural firm, Donoghue and Fulton, won the 1940 RAIQ Qld. Chapter, Annual Award for Meritorious Architecture, Category - Ecclesiastical and Institutional, including Educational Buildings and Hospitals built between 1933 and 1939. This award acknowledges the interest in this type of building by the architectural community of the time. This building is arguably one of the best 1930s buildings in the European Modernist (sometimes referred to as Interwar Functionalist) style in Brisbane.

History (previous revision)

Description (previous revision)

This large building is built of red brick, with visible sections of the roof clad in terra-cotta tiles (check). Architect designed in the 1930s, it is in the style of European Modernism of the Dudock School. The architectural massing, articulation and resolution of detail is skilled, inventive and impressive. Both the front and river elevations are of interest.

The Witton Road gateposts and decorative metalwork were removed circa 2006 when the roadway was widened.

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:

Aesthetic

CRITERION E

The place is important because of its aesthetic significance

as an excellent example of an Interwar Functionalist building which features an assembly of simple geometric volumes, asymmetrical massing and distinctive modernist fenestration.

Technical

CRITERION F

The place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technological achievement at a particular period

for its contribution to the development of twentieth century Brisbane architecture.

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

for its significance to the Nudgee Junior College community of students and staff since the 1930s.

Historical association

CRITERION H

The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organization of importance in the city's or local area's history

for its association with notable Brisbane architectural firm, Donoghue and Fulton.

References

1. *Courier Mail*, 24 June 1938
2. RAIQ Queensland Chapter records

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Note: This citation has been prepared on the basis of evidence available at the time including an external examination of the building. The statement of significance is a summary of the most culturally important aspects of the property based on the available evidence, and may be re-assessed if further information becomes available. The purpose of this citation is to provide an informed evaluation for heritage registration and information. This does not negate the necessity for a thorough conservation study by a qualified practitioner, before any action is taken which may affect its heritage significance.

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