

Building:	Former Box Hill Technical School	Significance:	B
Address:	25 Dunloe Avenue, Box Hill North	Melway May Ref:	46 K6
Building Type:	School	Construction Date:	1943
Architect:	Percy Everett	Builder:	Public Works Department



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Existing Heritage Listings:		Recommended Heritage Listings:	
Victorian Heritage Register	[<input type="checkbox"/>]	Victorian Heritage Register	[<input type="checkbox"/>]
Register of the National Estate	[<input type="checkbox"/>]	Register of the National Estate	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]
National Trust	[<input type="checkbox"/>]	Heritage Overlay Controls	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]

History

The Box Hill Council offered this site to the Education Department for the purpose of establishing a boys' technical school. Box Hill Boys Technical School, designed by Percy Everett, chief architect of the Public Works Department, was opened on 2 February 1943. An assembly hall was opened in 1960.

The school is now the Box Hill Senior Secondary College.

Description

Designed in the Moderne style, the former Box Hill Boys Technical School is a complex of three double-storey red and manganese brick classroom blocks, arranged around a central courtyard. The main western block is V-shaped, and has a stylised castellated central entrance with a strong vertical emphasis, in contrast to the horizontal emphasis of the classroom wings. The windows to the classrooms are carried along in continuous horizontal bands protruding from the wall surface, the upper structure being supported by diamond-shaped piers of brown brick which contrast with the red bricks used elsewhere.

Comparative Examples

Former Footscray Technical College (now part of Victoria University of Technology), Ballarat Road (cnr Mills Close), Footscray

Significance

The Former Box Hill Boys Technical School is of aesthetic significance. It is a very intact example of an interesting and unusually planned Modernist school which incorporates several notable elements, particularly the stylised castellated front entrance and the fenestration details. It also derives significance from its associations with Percy Everett, long-serving chief architect of the Public Works Department.

Source

Andrew C Ward & Associates. *City of Box Hill Heritage and Conservation Study*. 1990.