



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2242
2. **NAME** *Hale School (fmr)* (1914-1946)  
Comprising School building (1914), Gymnasium (1916)  
Science Block (1917), Memorial Wing (1920/21),  
Pavilion Classroom/3A Form Room (1944), Armory & Rifle  
Range (1946 and 1935), Ablution Block (date not  
established), Boarding House (1926)  
**OTHER NAMES** The High School; Constitutional Centre
3. **LOCATION** Cnr Parliament Place & Havelock Street, West  
Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Perth Lot 822, being Crown Reserve 26741 and being the whole of the land  
comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3014 Folio 970.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Perth
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim 03/07/1992  
Permanent 22/06/2001
  - National Trust Classification: Classified 06/04/1987  
13/05/1996
  - Town Planning Scheme: 19/06/1989
  - Municipal Inventory:
  - Register of the National Estate: Permanent 09/04/1988
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Hale School (fmr)*, comprising a single-storey brick and tile school building  
designed in Federation Gothic style, a two-storey brick and tile boarding  
house building in the Inter-war Romanesque style, with references to the  
Californian Bungalow style, and outbuildings, has cultural heritage  
significance for the following reasons:

the place is part of the early development of the 'High School' as part of a non-secular secondary education system in the State. The buildings demonstrate the teaching environs and accommodation of student boarders operating in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and although originally a part of the State Government education system the place became the foundation of the private school system in Western Australia;

the School Buildings designed by the Public Works Department in 1913/1914 and the subsequent Memorial Wing are fine examples of the Federation Gothic style. The association with key architects Hillson Beasley and Herbert Parry make it synonymous with the development of architecture in Western Australia in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The style of the buildings is relatively unique in Perth, comparing with only two other buildings, Perth Modern School and The Perth Technical School, designed by the Public Works Department at about the same period;

the place has a significant value through its association with Bishop Hale who developed the philosophy of the High School which subsequently led to the formation of the Public Schools Association. The place is also associated with some of Perth's leading figures of the day; including, Winthrop Hackett, Dr J.S. Battye and Percy Oliver;

the Boarding House building, designed by Herbert Parry, is a notable example of the 1920s Inter war Romanesque style, with references to the Californian Bungalow style, and displays economical yet impressive design; and,

the place has high townscape values because of the buildings' form and location. This is emphasised by the nature of the openness of the site in relation to the density of the surrounding locality of West Perth;

The following elements of the place are intrusive: the transportable office buildings, the single storey brick and tile addition to the Boarding House, the steel garden sheds, the timber framed store building, the brick and tile outbuilding, the brick transformer building, the additions to laundry building of the Boarding House, the school quadrangle planting and the thicket of pine trees along Harvest Terrace end of grounds.