



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 4579
2. **NAME** *Castledare Boys' Home (fmr)*
(c1906; 1929, 1938; 1939; 1941; 1944; 1953)
OTHER NAMES Niana; St Vincent's Preparatory School for Boys
3. **LOCATION** 100 Fern Road, Wilson
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Those portions of Lots 62, 63 and 64 on Plan 2461 (sheet 2), being part of the land comprised in Certificate of Title volume 1302 Folio 898 as are defined in Heritage Council of Western Australia survey drawing No. 4579 prepared by Steffanoni Ewing and Cruickshank Pty. Ltd.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Canning
6. **OWNER** Trustees of the Christian Brothers in Western Australia Inc.
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	27/06/1997
	Permanent Entry	07/04/1998
• National Trust Classification:		-----
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	08/08/1995
• Register of the National Estate:		-----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Castledare Boys' Home (fmr), a purpose built institution designed around a brick and corrugated galvanised iron Federation Queen Anne style house featuring attic space and an octagonal belvedere, and also consisting of a brick dining room added to the rear of the house, two brick cottages with dormitory wings, a brick classroom, a brick hall, a Women's Auxiliary building, a Marian Shrine and a laundry amongst a complex of other buildings and a landscape of mature trees, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

it is the only known purpose designed residential school developed according to the new ideals for treatment of the intellectually handicapped in the late 1920s in Western Australia at a time of great debate about appropriate treatment of the intellectually handicapped and mentally ill;

The place has importance as being technically innovative;

the place is an important marker in the development of Catholic education in Western Australia;

it is important for the social history of the work and recreation of the Christian Brothers and the boys and lay people who generously contributed to the school since its initiation;

the site is one of the earlier settlements in the Canning district and the homestead 'Niana' is representative of the growing wealth of the district at the turn of the century;

the style of the original house is uncommon in the City of Canning and is valued by the community for its aesthetic characteristics; and,

it is important for its close association with local identities such as the Flemings and Meares;

The Former Caretaker's Cottage, Classroom Block/Administration, Ablution Block, Presbytery and Remedial Centre are considered to have a low level of significance.