



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2879
2. **NAME** *Fmr Convent of Mercy and School* (c.1872/73; c.1890s; 1952; 1980s)
OTHER NAMES Youth Hostel; York Telecentre; Radio 101.3 York FM
3. **LOCATION** Cnr Joaquina and South Streets, York
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
 Those portions of Avon Locations X and Y as together are described in Memorial Book 27 Folio 744, registered in the Registry of Deeds.
 Lot 21 on Plan 63, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1483 Folio 925.
 Lots 19 and 20 on Plan 63, being the whole of the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 1483 Folio 924.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of York
6. **OWNER** Shire of York
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	30/06/1998
	Permanent Entry	30/10/1998
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	01/04/1985
• Town Planning Scheme:		-----
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	31/12/1995
• Register of the National Estate:	Nominated	25/09/1985
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
Fmr Convent of Mercy and School, comprising convent and school buildings in Victorian Tudor, Victorian Georgian, Victorian Free Gothic and utilitarian styles, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is important for its associations with the order of the Sisters of Mercy and the Catholic Church, who played a significant role in the spiritual, educational and social life of the York community;

the place is valued by the local community for both its historical and present functions, and for its landmark qualities;

the various components of the place have aesthetic value for their pleasing proportions and design details;

the place is representative of convents and schools built by the Catholic Church throughout Western Australia the early 1870s following the introduction of the *Elementary Education Act 1871*; and,

together with the church, presbytery and parish hall opposite, *Fmr Convent of Mercy and School* forms a precinct of buildings associated with the Catholic Church.

While the treatment of the 1952 school and residential wings are unsympathetic to the place's aesthetic values, they do contribute to the understanding of the place. The 1980s managers flat is considered to have little cultural heritage significance.