



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 03372
2. **NAME** *Kent Street Senior High School* (1939, 1940, 1943, 1954, 1963, 1966, 1969, 1973, 1979, 1982, 1989, 1996)
FORMER NAME Kent Street Central School
Kent Street High School
3. **LOCATION** Kent Street, Kensington
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Lot 3390 on Deposited Plan 185605 being Reserve 22151 and being the whole of the land contained in Crown Land Title Volume: 3092 Folio: 900
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Town of Victoria Park
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(Responsible Agency: Education Department)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 22/04/2005
Permanent Entry 31/03/2006
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 17/07/98
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Kent Street Senior High School, a complex of Inter-War Free Classical style brick and tile buildings and grounds, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place was constructed in response to the increasing demand for post-primary facilities in metropolitan Perth in the 1930s. It was only the third secondary school facility in the State, and the first south of

the Swan River in metropolitan Perth, to be built independent of an existing primary school;

the place, is a modest representative example of the design of government high schools by the Western Australian Public Works Department in the late inter-war period. The mature trees and expansive grassed playing fields around the site combine with the buildings to create pleasing environs that contribute to the streetscape;

the place is valued by the local community, and by the community of its former students, for providing educational facilities since 1940 that have been innovative, and responsive to community expectations, and in particular for a number of specialist programmes, including aviation, cricket and tennis studies and CISCO computer networking;

through the establishment of formal pre-vocational training and an aeronautics course, the place provides evidence of State Government policy changes in the 1970s to address the increasing retention in the upper school of non-tertiary oriented students, an increase due largely to reduced employment prospects for school leavers; and,

the school's former students include prominent figures in Australian society such as Michael Jeffrey (Governor of Western Australia 1993-2000 and Governor-General 2003 to the present in 2005), and former Test Cricketer, Rod Marsh.