



**HERITAGE  
COUNCIL**  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES PERMANENT ENTRY

1. **DATA BASE No.** 1881
2. **NAME** *Northam State School (fmr)* (1878, 1892, 1900, 1908)  
FORMER NAME (or OTHER NAMES) Northam Public School, East Northam Primary School, Curtin University Visual Arts Centre, Old Girl's School (fmr)
3. **LOCATION** 33 Wellington Street, Northam
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
Portion of Lot 380 on Deposited Plan 182613 being part of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1542 Folio 764, as to the portion labelled "M" on Interest Only Deposited Plan 402752.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Northam
6. **OWNER AT PERMANENT REGISTRATION**  
Shire of Northam
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 24/06/2014  
Permanent Entry 21/11/2014
  - National Trust Classification: Classified 04/03/1980
  - Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Municipal Inventory: Considerable Significance 16/05/2012
  - Register of the National Estate: Permanent 28/09/1982
8. **ORDERS UNDER SECTION 38 OR 59 OF THE ACT**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

*Northam State School (fmr)* (1878), a fine, picturesque red brick and corrugated iron roofed building with a prominent central Victorian Tudor curvilinear gable, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is an important indicator of the introduction of compulsory education in Western Australia under the *Elementary Education Act 1871*;

the place is one of the earliest Government schools to remain extant in Western Australia;

the place is a rare example of Victorian Tudor style architecture in Western Australia;

the place reflects the changing growth patterns of Northam, particularly its rise as a major regional centre in the latter part of the nineteenth century; and,

the place was designed by the Colonial Superintendent of Public Works, Richard Roach Jewell, and constructed by local businessman and Western Australia's second Premier George Throssell.