



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 3608
2. **NAME** *East Fremantle Primary School* (1898, 1970s)
FORMER NAMES Plympton School and Plympton Infants School (1898-1910)
East Fremantle Senior School and East Fremantle Infants' School (1910 - 1951)
3. **LOCATION** 8 Forrest Street, East Fremantle
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Fremantle Lot 2068, being Crown Reserve 3465 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3039 Folio 803.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** City of Fremantle
6. **OWNER** Minister for Education
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 15/12/2000
Permanent Entry 16/03/2001
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
East Fremantle Primary School, a primary school campus comprising two limestone masonry teaching blocks, a limestone masonry covered assembly and various other structures and features, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

together, the various elements that make up East Fremantle Primary School form a significant and coherent group of buildings;

the initial use of a limited range of materials, forms and detailing and subsequent conformance to that range has given the precinct an identifiable and largely homogenous aesthetic character which together with its location on a rise contributes to making the place a minor landmark in East Fremantle;

the original design of the place incorporates aspects of standard plans for schools development in the period 1898 to 1901 and is representative of Western Australian Government hall and gallery schools constructed during that time;

the technically innovative adaptive works of the 1970s, which accommodated open plan methods of education within the existing hall and gallery, demonstrate changes in educational philosophy and practice;

the development of the place between 1898 and 1901 coincided with the period of major growth in Western Australia in the wake of the 1890s Gold Boom and with the proclamation of East Fremantle as a municipality; and,

the place has been associated with various individuals, including architect John Pidgeon, who with the PWD was responsible for the design of the 1970s adaptation; with Senator Dorothy Tangney, who worked there as a monitor; and with Alan Bond, who attended the school as a student.

The site of the former quarters, the canteen, the demountable structure, the pre-primary centre, the store and the playing field have little significance. Of these the demountable structure and the store, together with the Northern and Southern forecourt gardens have been assessed as intrusive. Although listed as having some significance as the sites of gardening by students, the Northern and Southern pre court gardens have been assessed as intrusive because they are currently overgrown and redeveloped respectively.