



HERITAGE
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Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 2877
2. **NAME** *York Primary School* (1886; 1896; 1921; 1923; 1949-55, 1962,1996)
FORMER NAME York Boys School, York Mixed, York Junior High School
3. **LOCATION** Howick Street, York
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
York Lot 619, being Crown Reserve 22089 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3113 Folio 391.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of York
6. **OWNER** The State of Western Australia
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 28/08/1992
Permanent Entry 23/11/2001
 - 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**

York Primary School, comprising a single story brick structure with a corrugated iron roof, designed in the Victorian Rustic Gothic Style and constructed in stages, and the former Principal's Quarters, a single story brick building with a hipped corrugated iron roof designed and built at the end of the nineteenth century has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place is a good example of a school designed by the Public Works Department in various stages between the 1880s and 1950s;

the highly intact nineteenth century sections of the school are examples of the work of chief architect George Temple Poole;

the use of a limited palette of materials and forms gives the place a strong and unified aesthetic character despite its staged construction

over many years while its early northern end has aesthetic significance for its materials, massing of its roofs, interior volumes and early details;

the place represents the development and provision of public education in a country town in Western Australia;

the place is the site of the first purpose built school in the York district;

the place provides an integrated design incorporating buildings of various periods united by a commonality of form, purpose and materials;

the northern end of the main building is both rare as and representative of Western Australian Government hall and gallery schools constructed from the 1890s to world War One, while the place as a whole is representative of a progressive development of schools established in the nineteenth century to cater for increased populations and new methods of teaching in the twentieth century;

the former principal's quarters are significant as an example of on-site accommodation provided to teaching staff in the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century at government schools; and,

the place makes a positive contribution to the late 19th and 20th century townscape of York.

The 1970s toilet block addition adjoining the rear of the main building is of little cultural heritage significance, as is the library building, lunch pavilion and toilet block located on the primary school grounds.