



# REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

## Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 4088
2. **NAME** *Guildford Primary School* (1870; 1899-1919; 1940s; 1970s; 1993)  
**FORMER NAMES** Guildford Public School; Guildford Boys' and Girls' School; Guildford School; Guildford State School
3. **LOCATION** Cnr Helena and Johnson Streets, Guildford
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
 Guildford Lots E, 222, 223 and 225, being Crown Reserve 7400 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Record Volume 3041 Folio 210.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Swan
6. **OWNER** The Crown
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 07/10/1997  
 Permanent Entry 09/01/1998
  - National Trust Classification: Classified 05/04/1976
  - Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Municipal Inventory: -----
  - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Guildford Primary School*, a complex comprising the main school building, constructed of red brick with a corrugated iron roof, and several steel and timber framed, asbestos and board clad sheds, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:  

the place is the oldest continuously operating, purpose built government school in Western Australia. It has operated on its current site since 1870 and although substantially modified, portions of the original building are still in use;

the place is highly valued for the role it has played in the community and the activities it has supported;

the buildings dating from 1870 to 1919 and the mature landscape of the place *is a positive contribution* to the presentation of the site and to the aesthetic character of the historic town of Guildford. In particular, those surviving remnants of Richard Roach Jewell's 1870 building have a reasonable level of integrity and present tangible reminders of the longevity of the school;

the place is highly valued as an integral part of the historic village of Guildford for its location, setting and design. The growth and change of the village are reflected in the fabric of the school grounds and buildings;

the progressive development of the fabric of the place illustrates the types of facilities considered appropriate during distinct periods of development in Western Australia. The portions of the main building, dating from 1899 to 1919, were designed and built by the Public Works Department;

the 1899-1919 additions to the place represent a major growth period of the school, the town and Western Australia in general and are highly valued by the school community for their scale and form and for the quality of the environment they provide; and,

the former latrines and shelter sheds are also of standard designs implemented by the Public Works and Education departments and reflect the development of school grounds in the 1940s. The former boys' shelter (bicycle shed) is the most intact example of this type of facility at the place.

The prefabricated Bristol classrooms have little significance although they demonstrate how the Education Department coped with increased school populations in the post-war period.

The recent additions to the place, including the pre-primary and toilet/entry block have little significance although they demonstrate the character of development sought by the school community, in response to community-based education policy.