

**Place name** St Patrick's College

**Survey Date:** 4/07/2004

**Other name**

**Id:** 1176

**Street** 29 to 41 Pearson Street

**Last Update** 4/10/2004

**Locality** Sale

**Postcode**

**Official Locality**

**Property No** HO103

**Local Government Area** Wellington Shire

**Precinct:** Precinct - Sale St Mary's

**Easting**

**Northing**

**Map**

**Workshop number**

**Workshop votes**

**Field survey number**

**Community priority**

**Designer**

**Builder**

**Ownership** Private

**Built Date** 1921-22 **Change Date** 1939, 1983

**Description** St Patrick's College, Sale comprises a complex of buildings situated on 0.5ha site that has a frontage to Pearson Street and is bounded on the south side by Macalister Street and on the west by Reeve Street. The north side is occupied by other buildings in the complex.

The College, constructed in 1921 with additions in 1939, is a two-storey school building with an imposing facade addressing Pearson Street, which was designed with a symmetrical facade and two side wings enclosing a courtyard with cruciform path, surrounded by fencing. The southern side of the building faces Macalister Street and extends to Reeve Street.

The unpainted, rendered finish has Federation motifs in the quoins and windows with an Art Deco influence apparent in the finer details of the upper storey in particular. The denomination of the school is signified in the cloverleaf, the statue of St Patrick and the Celtic cross, each positioned on the vertical axis above the tower entrance. The stained leadlight surrounding the doorway is intact and several of the sashed windows on the ground floor are also leadlight. The side bays feature typical Federation semi-circular windows. The upper storey has a glass-enclosed balcony.

A corrugated iron hall with broad gabled roof and skillion entrance, is situated to the north of the main school building, and was possibly moved here from another site.

**Condition & Integrity**

The main school building retains its original design integrity and is in good condition, with minor alterations to detailing such as the balcony and windows and some additions towards the Reeve Street end of the site.

The hall is also largely intact with window features in the entrance section indicating the position of a choir or projector area. It is possible that this building has been adapted from another use. Since 1994, the hall has been reclad (2004).

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
Hall (rear)	Other	Corrugated iron /timber- frame	Corrugated iron
Main building	Other	Rendered Masonry	Clay tile

**Condition** Good

**Integrity** Intact

Education	Buildings
<b>National Themes</b>	<b>Local Themes</b>
	8.4 Education
	9.1 Religion

**History** The freehold allotments now occupied by St Patrick's College were originally purchased from the Crown by W. Pearson, J. Aitken and T. Brearton in 1855 (1).

St Patricks College was constructed in 1921 and the foundation stone laid by Bishop Patrick Phelan, the following year. The school was opened by the Marist Brothers for classes in 1922. Major additions to the building were

carried out in 1939.(2)

Establishing St. Patrick's College was an extremely important priority for the Bishop of Gippsland, Bishop Phelan, who was determined that Gippsland Catholics could have a secondary education and access to the professions.(3)

St Patrick's is now part of Sale Catholic College, a co-educational school and houses the middle school.

There were alterations (renovations) made to the college in 1983 by architects Henderson and Lodge.(4)

#### SOURCES

(1) Town of Sale Plan, 1910.

(2) Information from Peter Synan.

(3) 'Catholic Life', Dec, 1993.

(4) Information from Brother Valerian.

(RNE Place ID No. 100608)

Period	Associations
	Marist Brothers

Heritage Protections	Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
	Planning Scheme	HO103		Listed
	Register of the National Estate	100608		Recommended

#### National Estate

#### Research Required

#### Recommendations

#### Fieldwork priority?

**Stage 1 Ranking** Assessed & protected **Stage 2 priority** No Action: Already include

**Final Ranking** Regional significance **Final Recommendation**

**Statement of significance** St Patrick's College is a significant part of the heritage of Sale for its historical and continuing associations with the Catholic community, symbolising the importance of education to that community and also reflecting the development of Sale as a See. The school is of design interest as an outstanding example of Federation institutional architecture in the region. The College complex forms an important part of the St Mary's heritage precinct and is an imposing historical landmark. (RNE A.4, D.2 & F.1)

#### Extent of designation

#### Informant

#### Notes

#### Follow up

**Bibliography** Context Pty Ltd, (1994), City of Sale Heritage Study  
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