

**Place name** St Anne's and Gippsland Grammar School

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

**Other name** Anglican Seminary; Divinity Hostel

**Id:** 1246

**Street** 52 to 66 Raymond Street

**Last Update** 4/10/2004

**Locality** Sale

**Postcode**

**Official Locality**

**Property No** 1 sections 14-17.

**Local Government Area** Wellington Shire

**Property Info**

**Precinct:** Precinct - Sale Town Centre

**Easting**

**Northing**

**Map**

**Workshop number**

**Workshop votes**

**Field survey number**

**Community priority**

**Designer**

**Builder**

**Ownership** Private

**Built Date** 1913

**Change Date**

**Description** This former seminary has retained its accomplished design in its conversion to school uses. An institutional building of domestic scale, it is composed of a series of hipped roof pavillions with three protruding gabled bays breaking up the facade. Wings extend to the rear. Federation detailing includes tuck-pointed brickwork and rendered sills, lintels and string courses. The central entry, probably a porch originally, is flanked by plain verandahs with pressed metal ceilings. The northern wing has a second storey addition. The grounds in front of the school building feature mature plantings (pin oaks, liquidambar, large cedar) surrounded by lawns and the fence (with wrought iron entry gates) dates from around the 1960s.

**Condition & Integrity:** The 1913 former seminary building in excellent condition. It has a second storey addition to the eastern wing which is only partially visible from the street.

Place type: School (RNE 100616)

Feature	Style	Wall Materials	Roof Materials
Main building	Edwardian	Brick	Clay tile

**Condition** Good

**Integrity** Intact

Redevelopment/change

Education

Building  
Fence/gate  
Tree(s)

**History** Sections 14, 15, 16 and 17 of Crown Allotment 1 were reserved for the Church of England in 1861.(1) The first Church of England in Sale was built on this land (on the site of the present junior school), in 1857. Some stone remnants of the building remain near the front fence of the school, fashioned into a bird bath. In 1882, the decision was made to purchase the site in Cunninghame Street where the Cathedral and Chapter house stand today.(2)

The seminary was erected in 1913 with a foundation stone laid by Reverend A. W. Pain, the first Bishop of Gippsland. A second memorial stone is dedicated to Thomas and Sarah Smith of Rosehill, Bairnsdale and is located on the eastern facade, naming the wing of classrooms built through funds contributed by the Smith's children.

St Anne's had its beginnings when a small day school opened in the cathedral parish hall in 1924, known as the Church of England Girls School. To provide boarding facilities at this school and for the pupils of the Sale High School, the deaconesses established a hostel in the former seminary that became known as St Anne's Church of England Hostel. After Constance Tisdall, prominent Gippsland educator, was appointed principal in 1934, the school became known as St Anne's CEGGS. Outgrowing the parish hall, the school moved to the former divinity hostel in 1936. Added to the building in the following year was a two-storey residential wing designed by S. P. Ashton, a prominent local architect, who also designed the new nurses quarters at the hospital.(4)

Lorna Sparrow succeeded Tisdall and was headmistress from 1944 to 1970. During this period, sites around the main building were purchased and a complex of buildings evolved. These included the Lorna Sparrow Hall (1966) and a new boarding house, now Blackwood House (3).

St Anne's merged with the Gippsland Grammar School in 1971, and the site now houses co-educational junior and boarding schools (3).; Associations: Anglican Church

Heritage Protections	Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
	Planning Scheme	HO98		Listed
	Register of the National Estate	100616		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** Amendment C26

**Statement of significance** The former seminary building at St Anne's and Gippsland Grammar School is a significant part of the heritage of Sale as evidence of the early activities of the Anglican Church in Sale. It is of design interest as a building intended for use as a seminary, comparable to the convent at St Mary's built several years later. It has a history of importance to the local community as a focus for Anglican education over many years, continuing into the present.(RNE 100616) (A.4, E.1, G.1)

#### Extent of designation

#### Informant

#### Notes

#### Follow up

**Bibliography** Sale Heritage Study  
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DIVINITY  
HOSTEL

BUILT in 1913 on the site of the first Anglican Church of St. Paul's (1856) it was used as a training college for clergy. In 1924 it became the Church of England boys' hostel, and later St. Anne's hostel. It is now St. Anne's and Gippsland Grammar School, and considerable additions have been made to the building without detriment to its original attractive appearance.