

Local Heritage Register: St Patrick's College



St Patrick's College 1952

Building Name:	Brothers School / Christian Brothers College (CBC) / St Patrick's College
Street Address:	2 Gregory Street
Property Description:	Lot 56 on M912
Land Area:	2023m ²

Description

This two-storey building dominates the corner of Gregory and River Streets with a long history of education in the district. Originally opened as the Brothers' School or Brothers' College, it was later known as Christian Brothers College, or 'CBC' and today as the co-ed St Patrick's College.

In 1929 the school building and residence for the Christian Brothers College was constructed by William Guthrie to a plan by Brisbane architect J.P. Donohue in the Spanish Mission style.

The place is important for its association with the Christian Brothers and the Catholic Church, and in demonstrating building boom of the interwar period in Mackay.

The building has undergone a degree of alteration in recent years, but maintains a strong presence along Gregory Street, and retains its original form and key architectural attributes of the Spanish Mission style.

Education and the Old Primary School

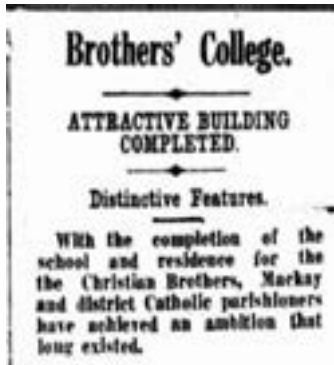
The Christian Brothers originally opened a primary school for boys on the Gregory Street site.

Sub-senior classes were introduced in 1962. In 1981, when the parish primary school ceased to function, the primary section of Christian Brothers' College was moved to the River Street site.

In June 1985, Bishop Bernard Wallace announced that the girls' secondary school, Our Lady of Mercy College, would become a junior co-educational college, Mercy College and that the all boys' school, St. Patrick's Christian Brothers' College, would become a senior co-educational college, St Patrick's College. Each new college commenced in 1987 with Mercy teaching year 8 to 10 (now from year 7) and St Patrick's teaching only years 11 and 12.

The site of St Patrick's Convent has a special association with the Christian Brothers and the Catholic community in the Mackay region.

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Left: Daily Mercury advertisement, 19 September, 1929; and Above: The remaining part of St Patrick's College, 2015, Mackay Regional Council

Statement of Historical Significance

Criteria	Significance
A: Historical significance	St Patrick's College meets this criterion through historical significance for its continuous use as a school, construction by William Guthrie to a plan by Brisbane architect J.P. Donohue in demonstrating building boom of the interwar period in Mackay. The place is important for its association with the Christian Brothers and the Catholic Church, and in demonstrating building boom of the Interwar period in Mackay.
B: All aspects of heritage significance	Does not meet this criterion.
C: Scientific significance	Does not meet this criterion.
D: Architectural significance	Does not meet this criterion.
E: Aesthetic / architectural significance	The building meets this criterion despite undergoing a degree of alteration in recent years, but maintains a strong presence on Gregory St, and its original form and key architectural attributes of the Spanish Mission Style.
F: Aesthetic or other significance	Does not meet this criterion.
G: Social significance	The site of St Patrick's Convent has a special association with the Christian Brothers and the Catholic community of Mackay.
H: Historical significance	Does not meet this criterion.

References:

- St Patrick's College, on-line 2016 <http://www.stpats.qld.edu.au/index.php/into/about-st-pats/history>
- Dalton, R, Jacobs, A and Wright, B, 1996, 'Heritage Context Study for Mackay City Council - A Town Planning Review', Mackay City Council
- Daily Mercury, Brothers College, 'Attractive Building Completed', 19 Sept 1929, pg.5

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