



**HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 16789
2. **NAME** *North Perth Primary School* (1898; 1910s; 1921; 1975)
FORMER NAME School of Instrumental Music, North Perth Infants School, Toorak/
Woodville/ Perth North Primary School
3. **LOCATION** Albert St, North Perth
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**
Swan Location 9622 being Reserve 20840 and being the whole of the land
contained in Crown Land Title Volume 3047 Folio 634.
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Town of Vincent
6. **OWNER** State of Western Australia
(Responsible Agency: Department of Education)
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
 - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 23/11/2004
Permanent Entry 22/11/2005
 - National Trust Classification: -----
 - Town Planning Scheme: -----
 - Municipal Inventory: -----
 - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**

9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**

10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
North Perth Primary School, a primary school complex including a brick and
iron Federation Central Hall School, a brick and tile Early Inter-War Infants
School and connected timber and iron pavilion classrooms, plus a number of
later ancillary buildings, ovals and playgrounds, has cultural heritage
significance for the following reasons:

is rare as a school containing definitive, largely intact, examples of two uncommon types of substantial school buildings: the Primary School building, a Federation Central Hall School building completed in the Interwar period, and The School for Instrumental Music, an early Inter-War Period Infant School;

the place was the first civic building established in the North Perth area;

the place contributes to a significant precinct of early twentieth century municipal buildings, with its two substantial, largely intact, school buildings set within an essentially unchanged open landscape of playgrounds near the commercial and former administrative center of North Perth;

the Primary School Building is a well designed and competently constructed Federation Central Hall type school building displaying the characteristics of the Federation Free Style, and the School for Instrumental Music (former Infants School) is a well designed, appropriately scaled and competently built school building exhibiting elements of the earlier Federation Arts and Craft style;

the buildings were designed by the Public Works Department under the guidance of Hillson Beasley, Assistant Government Architect when the school was established and Chief Architect during the period of development to 1916, and his successor W.B. Hardwick, who was responsible for the central hall addition and the Infant School building

through its incremental additions and originally temporary pavillion classrooms, the place provides evidence of the rapid expansion of population north of Perth from the gold boom years into the twentieth century;

since World War Two, the place been characterized by a culturally diverse school population, illustrating the changing demographics of the area, and of Western Australia, in the post war period; and,

the changes made progressively to the fabric of the place since its construction, and in particular the construction of the Infants School in 1921 to a design influenced by the Montessori teaching method, reflect changes in philosophies of education through the twentieth century.

The administration block of the Primary School Building, mezzanine in the Central Hall, and garden beds lining the north of the Primary School Building and the verandahs of the School for Instrumental Music, are intrusive.

The Pre-Primary Centre, Toilet Block, ovals and most landscaping and garden features are of little significance.