

# Hurstville Heritage Inventory

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SHI Number

**1810151**

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**56**

Item Name: **Penshurst Railway Station Group**

Location: **Cnr Laycock Rd (South) & Bridge St (North) The Strand, Pe**

Address: Cnr Laycock Rd (South) & Bridge St (North)  
The Strand

Planning: Sydney South

Suburb / Nearest Town: Penshurst 2222

Historic Region: Sydney

Local Govt Area: Hurstville

Parish: St George

State: NSW

County: Cumberland

Address: Bridge Street

Planning: Sydney South

Suburb / Nearest Town: Penshurst 2222

Historic Region: Sydney

Local Govt Area: Hurstville

Parish:

State: NSW

County:

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary: North: the boundary of railway property fronting Bridge Street; East: 5m east of the end of the station platform; South: the boundary of railway property fronting The Strand; West: west side of The Strand/Bridge Street road overbridge (including the bridge).

Item Type: Complex / Group

Group: Transport - Rail

Category: Railway Platform/ Stati

Owner: Rail Access Corporation

Admin Codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current Use: Railway Station

Former Uses: Railway Station

Assessed Significance: **Local**

Endorsed Significance:

Statement of Significance: Penshurst Railway Station Group - including its 1905 weatherboard platform building, 1926 steel footbridge and stairs, and c.1926 brick overbridge - is of local heritage significance for its early 20th century structures demonstrating the development of the Illawarra Line in this period, and for its role as a transport hub for Penshurst since 1905.

The station is of aesthetic significance as a representative collection of structures demonstrating standard NSW Railways designs of the early 20th century. The 1905 weatherboard platform building, together with the platform building at Oatley Station, is now considered to be a rare example in the metropolitan Sydney, reflecting the semi-rural nature of the area when it was built.

Historical Notes or Provenance: The first single line from Hurstville to Sutherland was opened in 1885 and built by the private contractors C. and E. Miller. In 1886 the first Penshurst Station with two side platforms was built just northwards of the present station site.

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By 1892, real estate in the area was being sold on the basis of its proximity to the railway station. A post office opened in 1902 at Penshurst Railway Station.

Due to the new deviation double track built in 1905, the present station with its brick island platform was built at its current location to better serve the rapidly growing settlement in Penshurst. The platform building is a standard timber type similar to the only other example in the metropolitan area at Oatley. In 1912 the platform was lengthened.

In 1926 the line was electrified and signal updated to electric light. It is possible that the steel Dorman Long & Co footbridge structure was constructed around this time. The Bridge Street/The Strand overbridge which crosses the western end of the station platform also appears to be c.1920s.

In 1940 a timber overhead booking and parcel office was built on the existing steel footbridge having steel stairs to the platform.

In 2006-2007 further changes were made, including provision of a lift to the platform, remodelling of the overhead booking office, extension of the stair canopies along the platform and opening up of part of the central area of the platform building for waiting passengers.

(taken from S170 Heritage & Conservation Register Updated listing)

| Themes:       | National Theme | State Theme | Local Theme |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| 3. Economy    |                | Transport   | (none)      |
| 4. Settlement |                | Utilities   | (none)      |

Designer: N.S.W. Government Railways

Maker / Builder: N.S.W. Government Railways; Dorman Long & Co footbridge

Year Started: 1905      Year Completed: 1940      Circa: No

Physical Description: Penshurst Railway Station Group comprises a weatherboard platform building (1905) and overhead booking office (1905), covered concourse and shop dating from 2006 and 2007 respectively, a footbridge (c.1926), an island platform (1905) an overbridge (c.1926) and a community building (not part of the listing).

The platform building is a single-storey weatherboard building with a gabled corrugated steel roof and skillion awnings supported on timber posts and brackets with decorative valances over the platforms. The footbridge accommodates a covered concourse containing a weatherboard booking office, shop, modern lifts, and street access steps.

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The footbridge is a Dorman Long & Co steel footbridge structure with steel stair railings and the distinctive star pattern newel posts typical of these Dorman Long & Co Inter- War period footbridges.

The overbridge crosses the western end of the platform and has brick supports and a pair of arches. It has been widened and upgraded with a modern concrete surface.

(information adapted from the RailCorp s170 Register form for the item)

Physical Condition: Generally in good condition

Modification Dates: 2006-7: Overhead booking office and shop constructed on footbridge.  
Modern steel security screens to windows and doors of 1905 platform building.

Recommended Management: The Station and its associated structures are owned and managed by RailCorp.

Management: Statutory Instrument List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

### Further Comments:

- Criteria a) Penshurst Railway Station is of historical significance as its early 20th century structures demonstrate the development of the Illawarra Line in this period and for its role as a transport hub for Penshurst since 1905. Penshurst Railway Station was relocated and rebuilt in 1905 for a new deviation double track line.
- Criteria b) The footbridge and stairs have historical association with Dorman Long & Co engineers (renowned as the engineers of the Sydney Harbour Bridge).
- Criteria c) The weatherboard platform building is of aesthetic significance as a representative of standard island platform building of the early 20th century rail infrastructure.
- Criteria d) Social significance of the place requires a more detailed study to ascertain its value for the local community. However, the Station has the potential to contribute to the local community's sense of place, and can provide a connection to the local community's past.
- Criteria e) The platform building has potential to provide information on the construction techniques of weatherboard railway station buildings of the early 20th Century.
- Criteria f) The weatherboard 1905 platform building is considered a rare extant example of a weatherboard platform building of this period in a metropolitan Sydney reflecting the semi-rural nature of the area when it was built (the only other example in a metropolitan Sydney is at Oatley).
- Criteria g) The 1905 platform and platform building, 1926 footbridge and stairs, and 1926 brick overbridge are representative of early 20th century NSW Railways structures.

Integrity / Intactness: The footbridge structure, platform and platform building, and overbridge are relatively intact.

| References: | Author              | Title                                        | Year |
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|             | Paul Davies Pty Ltd | S170 Heritage & Conservation Register Update | 2009 |

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Item Name: **Penshurst Public School (Main 1925 Building only)**

Location: **510 Forest Rd (Cnr. Arcadia St), Penshurst [Hurstville]**

Address: 510 Forest Rd (Cnr. Arcadia St)

Planning: Sydney South

Suburb / Nearest Town: Penshurst 2222

Historic Region: Sydney

Local Govt Area: Hurstville

Parish: St George

State: NSW

County: Cumberland

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Complex / Group

Group: Education

Category: School - State (public)

Owner:

Admin Codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current Use:

Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: Local

Endorsed Significance:

**Statement of Significance:** Penshurst Public School is of local significance as an Inter-War period education establishment providing educational facilities to the area since its establishment in 1925. The main building maintains its original scale and form as well as fenestration and is a landmark within the streetscape. It is a representative example of public education and reflects the growth of the area following WWI. The site also has a long association with the development of the Penshurst area and the resultant increase in population. It has particular associations with the Second World War, when the cricket pitches were replaced with air raid shelters (on the present grassed area). There was a rise of special needs education and Opportunity Deaf (OD) classes commenced in the 1940s after an outbreak of rubella as there were many children born with a hearing impairment.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** Despite the opening of the Illawarra railway in 1884, the Penshurst area was slow to develop due to a depression in 1893. In 1911, the last sub-division of the Penshurst Park Estate, bounded by Clarence, Penshurst and Cambridge Streets, was sold. After requests for a public school from residents in 1911 and 1915 were declined, a parcel of this land was resumed and the school was opened in May 1925 with Mr. Francis Grainger as headmaster. The site of over 2 ½ acres had been purchased in 9 different lots during 1919. An additional block of over half an acre was purchased in 1928 due to the increase in enrolments from 505 in 1925 to 730 in 1928. In 1998 the campus was redeveloped with \$1.6 million spent on a new school hall and administration block, and the enlargement of classrooms.

Themes: National Theme

State Theme

Local Theme

6. Educating

Education

(none)

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Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1924      Year Completed: 1925      Circa: Yes

**Physical Description:** Two storey simple face brickwork school building with hipped roof and symmetrical fenestrations. The roof has terracotta tile and the eaves have timber modillions (horizontal brackets). Between the windows on the upper level, extending down from the eaves line is an painted rendered strip, which also extend beneath the windows to the first level. The windows are double hung on both the lower and upper levels. The building also features original timber doors to service areas, immediately adjacent to the bitumen play area.

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:** The two storey building was expanded in 1928 after a dramatic increase in enrolments.

**Recommended Management:** The building should be retained and conserved. A Heritage Assessment and Heritage Impact Statement should be prepared for the building prior to any major works being undertaken. Archival and photographic recording, in accordance with Heritage Council guidelines, should be undertaken before major changes are made to the site.

**Management:** Statutory Instrument      List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**

**Criteria a)** Demonstrates the pattern of development of Hurstville and in particular that of the Penshurst area . It is a representative example of public education and reflects the growth of the area following WWI.

**Criteria b)**

**Criteria c)** A relatively intact and good example of an Inter-War period school building. Austerity of materials reflects scarcity of materials at the time.

**Criteria d)** It has particular social significance due to its association with the Second World War, when the cricket pitches were replaced with air raid shelters (on the present grassed area). There was a rise of special needs education and Opportunity Deaf (OD) classes commenced in the 1940s after an outbreak of rubella as there were many children born with a hearing impairment.

**Criteria e)**

**Criteria f)**

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Criteria g) Example of its kind.

Integrity / Intactness:

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|-------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------|------|
|             |        | Penshurst Public School - Our History webpage |      |

| Studies: | Author             | Title                                            | Number | Year |
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|          | City Plan Heritage | Hurstville Community Based Heritage Study Review | 53     | 2012 |

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Caption: Rear of building at Penshurst Public School, Penshurst

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Caption: Front of school building, Penshurst Public School, Penshurst

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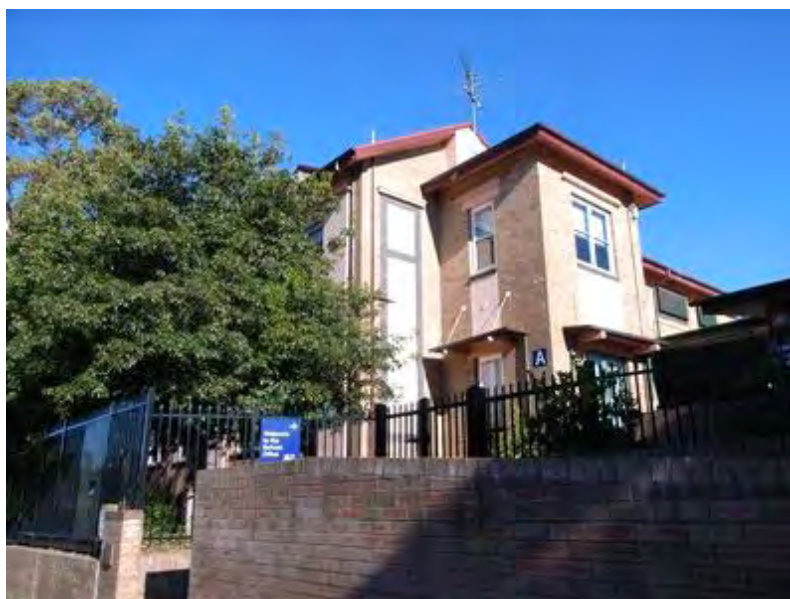
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Item Name: **St John the Evangelist's Anglican Church, Penshurst**

Location: **2 Carrington Street, Penshurst [Hurstville]**

Address: 2 Carrington Street

Planning: Sydney South

Suburb / Nearest Town: Penshurst 2222

Historic Region: Sydney

Local Govt Area: Hurstville

Parish: St George

State: NSW

County: Cumberland

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Built

Group: Religion

Category: Church

Owner: Religious Organisation

Admin Codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current Use:

Former Uses:

Assessed Significance: Local

Endorsed Significance:

**Statement of Significance:** St John the Evangelist's Anglican Church in Penshurst is of local heritage significance as a good example of a Post-War church, designed by prominent architect Leslie Wilkinson. He was responsible for the design of a number of Anglican church buildings, among them Blacket's St Michael's, Vaucluse and his highly regarded modifications to St Andrew's Cathedral. Constructed of polychromatic face brick between 1959-1969, the Church features characteristic elements of the Post-War Ecclesiastical architectural style. The site has a long historical association with the Anglican community dating back to 1909.

The listing includes the Leslie Wilkinson designed church building only.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** The Anglican community of the region was initially served from Mortdale, until Rev Dixon Hudson commenced service on Sunday 15 August 1909, at the Penshurst Hall due to the growth of the congregation. In 1910 a wooden building was erected on the corner of Forest Road and King Georges Road to provide a church for these services. By 1934 a New Church Fund had been opened, with 8 pounds, raised by a parishioner, Mrs Harrison. The fund grew slowly until 1956 when a Parish Canvass was commenced with the aim of raising sufficient funds for the construction of three new churches, at Penshurst, Hurstville Grove and Beverly Hills. The foundation stone for the new St John's was set by His Excellency, the Governor of NSW, Lt Gen Sir Eric Woodward on 5 April 1959. The opening and dedication festival were held on Sunday, 6 December 1969, with a service conducted by Most Rev H.R. Gough.

The new church was designed by Leslie Wilkinson (1882-1973). Born at New Southgate, Middlesex, England, he studied at the Royal Academy of Arts' school of architecture in London before travelling extensively. He was appointed as chair within the Faculty of

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Science at the University of Sydney, and was instrumental in the creation of the Faculty of Architecture, with himself as Dean in 1920. He was also the university architect from 1919, responsible for completing the gothic revival quadrangle, the Physics building, as well as redesigning a number of vistas and streets (Australian Dictionary of Biography).

The original copper clad steeple and plywood frame was removed in November 2011 due to extensive rust damage. A replacement structure of an alternative material was discussed by the community as copper was deemed highly expensive.

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|---------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Themes: | National Theme | State Theme | Local Theme |
|         | 8. Culture     | Religion    | (none)      |

Designer: Leslie Wilkinson

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1959      Year Completed: 1969      Circa: No

**Physical Description:** The church has significance at an aesthetic level and as a good example of ecclesiastical architecture of Leslie Wilkinson. He was responsible for the design of a number of Anglican church buildings. It is highly visible and in a prominent location at the intersection of King Georges Road and Forest Road (the major traffic areas within the Hurstville LGA).

Constructed of polychromatic face brick, the Church demonstrates characteristic elements of the Post-War Ecclesiastical architectural style. It features a simplified Romanesque-style tower, an essentially traditional rectangular plan flanked with entrance porches and transept, vertically proportioned openings, a corbelled and buttressed prominent element with the cross at the apex on the eastern end and faceted ambulatory on the western end featuring a vertical segmental arched window with leadlight glazing and a free standing cross at the front of the tower.

**Physical Condition:** Very good

**Modification Dates:** November 2011 - the original copper clad steeple and plywood frame was removed due to extensive rust damage.

**Recommended Management:** Retain and maintain the church in its original form. Avoid alterations and additions that would compromise the original Leslie Wilkinson design. A Heritage Assessment or Heritage Impact Statement should accompany any major works to the building.

**Management:** Statutory Instrument      List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**

Criteria a) The church has been a focal point for the local community since it was the first church at that

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location in 1909. In its historical associations and design it provides tangible evidence of the establishment of religious institutions in the Hurstville LGA. The present church was opened to service in 1969.

Criteria b) The church is a good example of ecclesiastical architecture of Leslie Wilkinson. He was responsible for the design of a number of Anglican church buildings, among them Blacket's St Michael's, Vaucluse and his highly regarded modifications to St Andrew's Cathedral.

Criteria c) The church has significance at an aesthetic level, being highly visible and in a prominent location at the intersection of King Georges Road and Forest Road (the major traffic areas within the Hurstville LGA). It features characteristic elements of the Post-War Ecclesiastical architectural style.

Criteria d) The church has social significance as it represents the increasing number of parishioners Post-War and evidences of the growing population in the area.

Criteria e) The building provides opportunity to obtain information on the Post-War church architecture and comparison of the works by Leslie Wilkinson.

Criteria f) The church is one of few suburban churches that were designed by Leslie Wilkinson.

Criteria g) The church is a good example of a Post-War church in the Hurstville LGA and is representative of the Leslie Wilkinson's designs for suburban churches.

Integrity / Intactness: Largely intact

| References: | Author      | Title                   | Year |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|------|
|             | Hatton, D J | Penshurst in Early Days | 1997 |

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Item Name: **Penshurst Hotel (Original Building only)**

Location: **29 Penshurst Street, Penshurst [Hurstville]**

Address: 29 Penshurst Street

Planning: Sydney South

Suburb / Nearest Town: Penshurst 2222

Historic Region: Sydney

Local Govt Area: Hurstville

Parish: St George

State: NSW

County: Cumberland

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Built

Group: Commercial

Category: Hotel

Owner: Private - Individual

Admin Codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current Use: Hotel

Former Uses: Hotel

Assessed Significance: Local

Endorsed Significance:

**Statement of Significance:** Constructed in 1932, Penshurst Hotel is of local significance for its historic, aesthetic and social values as an important meeting place and centre of community hub for the local community since the Inter-War period. The Hotel is typical of Inter-War suburban hotel and pub and still maintains its overall aesthetic and prominent position in the heart of the Penshurst town centre.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** This section of land remained unsubdivided in the 1892 Penshurst township subdivision, and was later sold in the Railway Esplanade subdivision sold by Haymarket Permanent Land building and Investment Company Limited on an unknown date. In 1926 the site occupied by the present hotel was a shop and dwelling owned by Mrs Florence Lydia burrows, and a cottage owned by the estate of Tom Gamamile. In 1929 they were bought by Tooth and Co. who had built a hotel on the site by 1932. In 1939 a part of the neighbouring block was added to the property and a double garage added. From this time, until 1945 it was leased to Archibald Brown, and then in later years to John Frederick Christie.

**Themes:** National Theme

State Theme

Local Theme

3. Economy

Commerce

(none)

Designer:

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SHI Number

**1810196**

Study Number

**52**

Item Name: **Penshurst Hotel (Original Building only)**

Location: **29 Penshurst Street, Penshurst [Hurstville]**

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1932      Year Completed: 1932      Circa: No

**Physical Description:** A two-storey suburban hotel built of polychromatic brick with hipped tile roof located in a prominent corner in the heart of Penshurst town centre at the intersection of Victoria Avenue. It is an Inter-War period hotel featuring characteristics of its period with the above awning level remaining more intact than the ground floor facades. The upper level facades feature vertically proportioned window in combination of arched and flat head with timber framed multi-paned sash windows. A group of three arched balcony opening on Penshurst Street facade is a typical element of such hotel buildings. A later suspended awning provides shading over both street footpaths.

**Physical Condition:** Generally in good condition.

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:** Maintain and preserve in its existing condition.

**Management:** Statutory Instrument      List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**

- Criteria a) Constructed in 1932, Penshurst Hotel is historically important as a meeting place for the local community since the Inter-War period.
- Criteria b) The hotel has strong associations with Tooth & Co, and highly significant brewery in Sydney throughout the 1900s.
- Criteria c) The Hotel is typical of Inter-War suburban hotel and pub and still maintains its overall aesthetic and prominent position in the heart of the Penshurst town centre.
- Criteria d) The hotel would have a high social value to the local community as a place of meeting and community hub since the early 1930s.
- Criteria e)
- Criteria f)
- Criteria g) Penshurst Hotel is a representative example of suburban hotels constructed in the early 1930s of the Inter-War period.

**Integrity / Intactness:** Relatively intact above awning level

**References:**

| Studies: | Author             | Title                                            | Number | Year |
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SHI Number

**1810197**

Study Number

**54**

Item Name: **House**

Location: **15 Arcadia Street, Penshurst [Hurstville]**

Address: 15 Arcadia Street

Planning: Sydney South

Suburb / Nearest Town: Penshurst 2222

Historic Region: Sydney

Local Govt Area: Hurstville

Parish: St George

State: NSW

County: Cumberland

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Built

Group: Residential buildings ( Category: House

Owner: Private - Individual

Admin Codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current Use: Residential Housing

Former Uses: Residential Housing

Assessed Significance: **Local**

Endorsed Significance:

**Statement of Significance:** 15 Arcadia Street in Penshurst is of local significance as evidence of development in the area during the transitional period from Federation to Inter-War. It is a transitional Queen Anne Federation house built between 1916 and 1921.

It is an aesthetically significant element within the streetscape and features architectural elements of both the Californian Bungalow style and the Federation Queen Anne Style with notable features.

These features including an asymmetrical facade with projecting bay and deep veranda supported by brick piers with dwarfed wall panels in between and paired timber slender posts with decorative brackets, timber shingled awning, the street-facing timber battened gable with ventilated grill, terracotta ridge roof, cement rendered base and quoins with darker bricks.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** Originally part of the 1886 Penshurst park estate subdivision, the land was developed with a house "Almar" between 1916 and 1921. In 1926, it was owned by Albert Edward Pennel. In 1959, it passed to his wife Mrs Marie Pennel after his death.

**Themes:** National Theme

State Theme

Local Theme

4. Settlement

Accommodation (Housing) (none)

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Item Name: **House**

Location: **15 Arcadia Street, Penshurst [Hurstville]**

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1916      Year Completed: 1921      Circa: Yes

**Physical Description:** Single storey Inter-War period house with transitional Queen Anne Federation style element. Built in brick with dark brick quoins, street facing gabled roof of terracotta and painted render foundation. The larger gable is timber with a small roof ventilator and a smaller gable over the front bay mimics this.

The facade features timber-framed casement windows, those in the front bay covered with a shingle awning. The verandah has paired timber posts with simple brackets on brick piers. The chimneys are of moulded stucco with terracotta pots. Tiled front steps lead to a large and mostly grassed front yard, with some shrubs along the base of the house. The boundary of the property is defined with a dwarf brick fence. Of particular architectural feature is the quoins with darker bricks at the corners and around the window reveals.

The street boundary is defined by a simple face brick wall with darker brick capping.

**Physical Condition:** Very good.

**Modification Dates:**

**Recommended Management:** Maintain and retain existing form and architectural detailing. No additions should be made to the main portion of the house. Retain architectural elements as defined in the Statement of Significance in addition to the tiles to the front entry steps.

**Management:** Statutory Instrument      List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**

- Criteria a)** Built between 1916 and 1921, 15 Arcadia Street in Penshurst is evidence of development in the area during the transitional period in the Federation Inter-War period.
- Criteria b)** Research to date does not indicate any historical association with a person or groups that are important to the historical development of the area.
- Criteria c)** It is an aesthetically significant element within the streetscape and features architectural elements of both the Californian Bungalow style and the Federation Queen Anne Style rather than a typical of Inter-War bungalow. Notable features of the Federation Queen Anne style include the timber shingled awning, the street-facing timber battened gable, ventilated grill and terracotta ridge roof, cement rendered base and quoins with darker bricks. Typical features of Californian Bungalows is the deep verandah sustained by brick piers with dwarfed

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wall panels in between, prominent low-pitch roof with boarded eaves and paired timber slender posts with decorative brackets.

Criteria d) Social significance of the place requires a more detailed study to ascertain its value for the local community.

Criteria e) The house has the potential to provide evidence on the construction system of transitional period bungalows built in the early Inter-War period.

Criteria f)

Criteria g) 15 Arcadia Street, Penshurst is a representative example of development in the area that occurred in the transitional period from the Federation to Inter-War period.

Integrity / Intactness: Highly intact

### References:

| Studies: | Author             | Title                                            | Number | Year |
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|          | City Plan Heritage | Hurstville Community Based Heritage Study Review | 54     | 2012 |

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Caption: Street view of house at 15 Arcadia St, Penshurst

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Image by: City Plan Heritage

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Study Number

Item Name: **Georges River College - Penshurst Girls High Sch**

Location: **2 Austral Street, Penshurst [Hurstville]**

Address: 2 Austral Street

Planning: Sydney South

Suburb / Nearest Town: Penshurst 2222

Historic Region: Sydney

Local Govt Area: Hurstville

Parish:

State:

County:

Other/Former Names:

Area/Group/Complex:

Group ID:

Aboriginal Area:

Curtilage/Boundary:

Item Type: Built

Group: Education

Category: School - State (public)

Owner: State Government

Admin Codes:

Code 2:

Code 3:

Current Use: School

Former Uses: School / Residential

Assessed Significance: Local

Endorsed Significance:

**Statement of Significance:** Penshurst Girls High School original building is highly significant locally for its association with education and development in the community since commencing its operation in 1954. It is a good example of a 1950s modernist educational building. The school is part of Georges River College, which has significantly contributed to the education of the Hurstville LGA.

**Historical Notes or Provenance:** The early history of the site:  
Source: (<http://www.hurstville.nsw.gov.au/History-of-Hurstville.html>)

Two of the largest land grants in the Sydney region were granted to Captain John Townson and his brother Robert Townson in 1808, and are in the Hurstville area occupying the school site. The grant to Captain John Townson of 1950 acres includes the present suburb of Hurstville and part of Bexley, while Penshurst, Mortdale and parts of Peakhurst are on land granted to Robert Townson. Captain John Townson was granted a further 250 acres of land in the Kingsgrove and Beverly Hills area in 1809. The Townson brothers were not satisfied with this land as it was not suitable for wool production, and probably did not occupy this land.

The following history has been largely quoted from Georges River College at <http://www.penshurstg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/history.htm>

The history of Penshurst Girls High School extends beyond 1955 when classrooms on the present site were first occupied by students who had been transferred mainly from Hurstville Domestic Science School. High school education in this area dates back to 1917 when they attended Hurstville School of Household Arts, a part of Hurstville Primary School. In 1923 the

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school was renamed Hurstville Girls' School and provided education for girls wishing to receive a secondary education in the St George area from Bexley to Helensburgh in the south, to Cronulla in the east.

In 1935, the school separated from the Primary School. However, plans were underway for the provision of a new secondary school, a file on the school indicating that in December 1952 'A block of land has been procured for the purpose of a central domestic science school at Penshurst.' However, the following remark was also included 'It is unlikely that the department will be in a position to proceed with the erection of this school for some considerable time to come.'

Funds were short for the building of the school on the three and a half acre site. In 1941 sketch plans were sought. Accommodation was to include: 13 classrooms, 2 science rooms and labs, 2 art rooms, Library, Assembly/gymnasium, 3 kitchen/laundry, 1 typing room, 3 needlework rooms, Staff rooms, Canteen, 1 cottage flat, and Caretaker cottage.

Approximate cost was £150,000. It was hoped that the proximity of Penshurst Park could be used for sport purposes, compensating for the size of the school. The foundation; however, was laid almost 13 years later. Students were brought by train from Allawah and crowded into the assembly hall at Penshurst Primary School. The building was completed late in 1954 and in February 1955 the school took in its first students. The official opening took place on 1st July 1955. The school celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2005.

In 2000, the New South Wales Government decided to buy the educational site at Oatley from the University of New South Wales. After a community consultative process, the Department of Education and Training established Georges River College. Four Campuses comprise the College: Hurstville Boys 7-10, Peakhurst 7-10, Penshurst Girls 7-10 and Oatley Senior Campus 11-12.

Prior to the construction of the Penshurst Girls High School the site bounded by Forest Road, and Penshurst and Austral Streets, was occupied by a substantial house with out buildings and landscaped gardens occupying the entire land that is currently makes up the School grounds. This is clearly evident in the 1943 aerial view of the site available on the SIX Viewer.

| Themes: | National Theme | State Theme | Local Theme |
|---------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
|         | 6. Educating   | Education   | (none)      |

Designer:

Maker / Builder:

Year Started: 1954      Year Completed: 1955      Circa: No

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**Physical Description:** Penshurst Girls High School is part of the larger Georges River College which includes four campuses; Hurstville Boys 7-10, Peakhurst 7-10, Penshurst Girls 7-10 and Oatley Senior Campus 11-12.

Penshurst Girls High occupies a large block of land. The original school building is a modernist education building consisting of a modest two-storey brick building with a flat roof and ancillary buildings. The school is divided into various blocks including the Design and Technology classrooms as well as multi-purpose classrooms (A block), Maths, English, History and Geography classrooms (B block), CAPA Creative and Performing Arts classrooms (C block) as well as the Library, Computer rooms and Science lab (L block.)

High trees screen the school from the street. There is a carpark to the south west of the site.

**Physical Condition:**

**Modification Dates:** 1941 sketch plans for 13 classrooms, 2 science rooms and labs, 2 art rooms, library, assembly/gymnasium, 3 kitchens/laundry, 1 typing room, 3 needlework rooms, staff rooms, canteen, cottage flat, caretaker cottage.

These modifications were completed in 1954.

**Recommended Management:** Maintain the modernist architectural features of the original 1950s school building.

**Management:** Statutory Instrument                      List on a Local Environmental Plan (LEP)

**Further Comments:**

- Criteria a) Penshurst Girls High School has historical significance for Hurstville as an educational institution since 1917, when students attended Hurstville School of Household Arts, a part of Hurstville Primary School.
- Criteria b) Research to date does not indicate any historical association with a person or groups that are important to the historical development of the area.
- Criteria c) It is a good example of a modernist 1950's school building in Hurstville.
- Criteria d) Social significance of the place requires a more detailed study to ascertain its value for the local community. However, it could be anticipated that the school has importance to the local community as a place of education since 1917.
- Criteria e) The school has potential to provide evidence on the construction system of modernist educational buildings that were built by the Department of education at the time.
- Criteria f)
- Criteria g) Representative of a 1950's modernist school building.

**Integrity / Intactness:** Relatively intact

**References:**

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Caption: Parish map of the local area

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Caption: The 1943 aerial of the Penshurst Girls High School site showing the large house that was in existence at the time

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