

# CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL (FMR),HIGHGATE



| PLACE INFORMATION  |   |
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| <b>Place name</b>  | Christian Brothers High School (fmr)  |
| <b>Other names</b> | St Mark's International College<br>Christian Brothers' Intermediate High School |
| <b>Place type</b>  | Individual building or group  |

| HERITAGE LISTING                |  |
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| <b>inHerit ID:</b>              | 2179   |
| <b>State Heritage Register:</b> |  |
| <b>Other Listing:</b>           | Municipal Inventory Adopted 13 Nov 1995<br>Statewide Post Office Survey Completed 01 Mar 1992<br>Classified by the National Trust Classified |

| SITE LOCATION         |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Street address</b> | 131 Harold St       |
| <b>Locality</b>       | Highgate            |
| <b>Survey</b>         | LOT: 131 STR: 62106 |
| <b>Vol/folio</b>      | 2824/831            |
| <b>Reserve</b>        | —                   |

| SIGNIFICANCE                     |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Level of significance</b>     | <b>Considerable</b><br>Very important to the heritage of the locality. High degree of integrity/ authenticity.   |
| <b>Management category</b>       | <b>Category 2</b><br>Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.  |
| <b>Statement of significance</b> | <p>The former Christian Brothers High School is a fine example of a private school in the Interwar Georgian Revival style.</p> <p>The place is a landmark on a prominent corner in Highgate that contributes to the streetscape.</p> <p>The site has historic value for its association with the provision of church and educational purposes for over a century.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with the development of Highgate in the Inter War Period and the growth of the Christian Brothers Schools.</p> <p>The place contributes to the community's sense of history for its contribution to the streetscape and its history as a place of education.</p> |

| PLACE USE           |                               |
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| <b>Original use</b> | Educational: Secondary School |
| <b>Current use</b>  | Educational:                  |
| <b>Other use</b>    |                               |

| CONSTRUCTION DETAILS        |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Construction date</b>    | 1936  |
| <b>Walls</b>                | Brick   |
| <b>Roof</b>                 | Terracotta tile   |
| <b>Architectural Style</b>  | Inter-War Georgian Revival  |
| <b>Physical description</b> | <p>A large two storey school building with many features of the Inter War Georgian Revival style. The red brick building has a strongly rectangular shape. The vertically proportioned sash windows are multi-paned and have a heavy stucco sill and lintel.</p> <p>The main roof is hipped, and there are two projecting gable roofed sections facing Stirling Street - one over the main entrance portico and the other at the southern, slightly set back end of the building. The porticos have Tuscan columns and rendered surrounds.</p> <p>A heavily stuccoed arched opening, leading to a small balcony with metal balustrade, sits above the main entrance portico. The portico facing Harold Street has a classical balustraded balcony above it.</p> <p>Minimal setbacks from both streets where the low perimeter fence is brick topped with decorative metal railings.</p> |
| <b>Condition</b>            | Good  |
| <b>Integrity</b>            | High  |
| <b>Authenticity</b>         | High  |

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

The Christian Brothers was founded in Ireland in 1802 by Edmund Rice, but came to Perth in 1893 when Bishop Gibney asked the Provincial of the Irish Christian Brother, Brother Ambrose Treacy to establish an order in Perth and take over the management St. Patrick's Boys School at Irwin Street in Perth.

The Christian Brothers established their own secondary school the following year in 1894 on St Georges Terrace, and another in Albany in 1898, and by 1901 had also agreed to take on St Patrick's School in Fremantle.

In the mid 1930s the Catholic Church and the Christian Brothers agreed to build a school in Highgate near the school, church and monastery of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. A site was chosen on the corner of Stirling and Harold Street, near to the Mary Street Church, on land owned by the church.

The church paid for the construction of the school section and the Christian Brothers paid for the construction of residential facilities for the Brothers.

The Christian Brothers Intermediate High School was opened in 1936 and provided upper primary and secondary education for boys from the Sacred Heart Primary School and surrounding areas. The building was designed by architect Edgar LeB Henderson and built by Messres T. Snook and Sons for £9229.

The first enrolment was 160 pupils, mostly from Highgate, Maylands, Leederville, and West Perth areas. The following year, the enrolment had increased to over 200.

In the late 1960s, two additional classrooms and an Assembly Hall was added to the west of the original building, by which time the school was known as Christian Brother's High School. The school closed in 1988 and the students transferred to Chisholm College in Bedford. The school was subsequently occupied by a private international college.

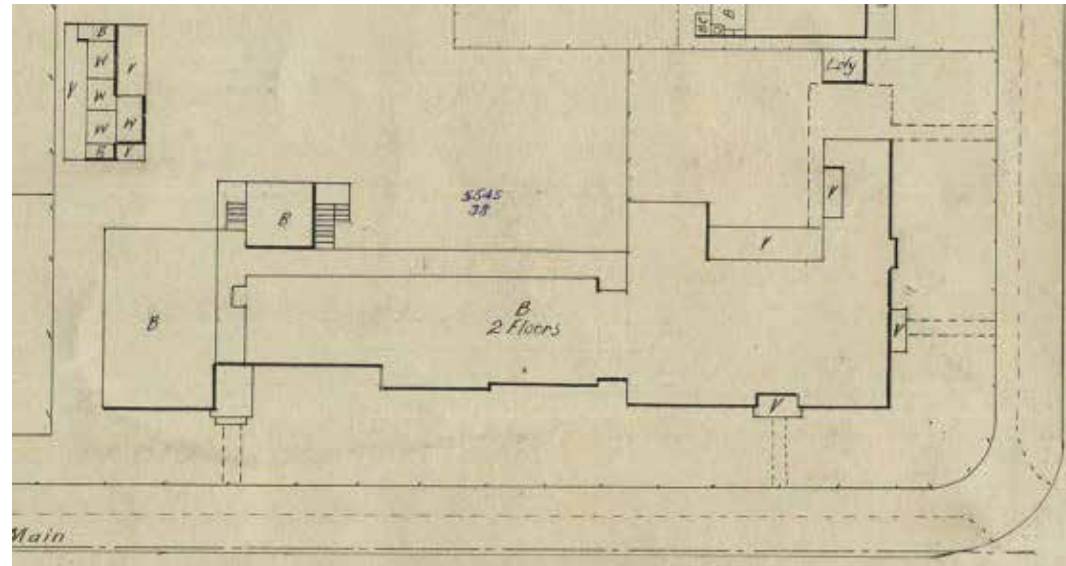
In late 2011 the later buildings was demolished to enable extensive development works to the former school and its grounds. A new development comprising 130 multiple dwellings ranging from 3 to 6 storeys were constructed The original building continues to be used as an International school.

| HISTORICAL INFORMATION |   |                      |
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| <b>Historic theme</b>  | Social Services: Education<br>Cultural Life: Religion   |                      |
| <b>Associations</b>    | Edgar Le. B. Henderson<br>Messrs T. Snook and Sons  | Architect<br>Builder |
| <b>Sources</b>         | Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006.<br>Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024.<br>The West Australian, 18 January 1936, p. 4. |                      |

### ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



ARCHIVAL IMAGES



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