

CENTRAL TAFE, LEEDERVILLE CAMPUS, LEEDERVILLE



PLACE INFORMATION	
Place name	Central TAFE, Leederville Campus
Other names	
Place type	Individual building or group

HERITAGE LISTING	
inHerit ID:	18047
State Heritage Register:	
Other Listing:	Municipal Inventory Adopted 12 Sep 2006

SITE LOCATION	
Street address	43 Richmond St
Locality	Leederville
Survey	LOT: 511 D/P: 69551
Vol/folio	
Reserve	RES: 22357

SIGNIFICANCE	
Level of significance	<p>Considerable</p> <p>Very important to the heritage of the locality. High degree of integrity/authenticity.</p>
Management category	<p>Category 2</p> <p>Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.</p>
Statement of significance	<p>The place has aesthetic value for its demonstration of the Post War International style and Late 20th Century Post Modern styles within a parkland setting.</p> <p>The buildings are a landmark in the streetscape for the presence since the mid 20th century and the bulk and scale of the buildings on the Oxford Street side of the campus dominate the streetscape.</p> <p>Central TAFE Leederville Campus has historic value as it has been synonymous with technical education in this state for the whole of the period since World War Two and is now one of the principal campuses of Central Metropolitan College of TAFE.</p> <p>The place has historic value for its association with the evolution of education content and methodology through the 20th century. The building stock on the site demonstrate these changes through their differing styles and forms.</p> <p>Central TAFE, Leederville Campus site has social significance for the local and wider community for the delivery of education since the Interwar period.</p>

PLACE USE	
Original use	Educational: Technical School
Current use	Educational: Technical School
Other use	
CONSTRUCTION DETAILS	
Construction date	1948; 1960s; 1980s
Walls	Brick Rendered Brick Concrete
Roof	Terracotta Tile Corrugated Metal Sheeting
Architectural Style	Late 20th-Century Post Modern Inter-War Functionalist
Physical description	<p>A group of one, two, three and four storey buildings that present an imposing presence to both Oxford and Richmond Streets. The Richmond street one and two storey buildings are the original buildings in cream face brick with parapeted walls, horizontal bands of windows and concrete eyebrow across the windows. Other one storey buildings on site are gable roofed brick dado and render pavilions for trade instruction.</p> <p>Free standing one and two storey buildings in more industrial style have been added to the campus through acquisition and purpose built facilities. At the Oxford end of the site the later three and four storey facilities provide library, lecturing, tutorial, canteen and support facilities for the campus.</p> <p>The buildings are setback from the road within parkland comprising grass and gardens, part service and parking areas.</p>
Condition	Good
Integrity	High
Authenticity	High

HISTORICAL INFORMATION
<p>Prior to 1900, apprentices received only on-the-job instruction and although the Swan River Mechanics Institute offered courses of lectures from time-to-time, no regular courses were available. In 1899, a Director of Technical Education was appointed. The old Perth Boys' School in St George's Terrace was renovated and, with the addition of various corrugated iron buildings, opened as Perth Technical School in May 1900. The school was enlarged with various new buildings over the years and in 1929 was renamed Perth Technical College. During World War II, hundreds of specialist tradesmen were trained at the college as part of various Army and Air Force schemes. More classrooms were needed and in 1942, part of the Leederville School's grounds, fronting Richmond Street, was declared the site for a Technical School. Commonwealth funds were provided for the construction of workshops for carpentry on the site.</p> <p>In 1944 Leederville Technical School was included in the Post Office Directories and courses were being held on the site as an adjunct to the Perth Technical College.</p> <p>After the war, the Reconstruction Training Scheme was established and Associate Diploma courses were developed. Suburban technical schools specially designed for trade courses were established, with the Technical College on St George's Terrace continuing to handle the Associate Diploma courses. New buildings were constructed on the Leederville campus for this purpose. It adjoined the existing workshops on Richmond Street. The new buildings designed by the Public Works Department were opened for students on 14 February 1949. As stated in an item in the West Australian;</p> <p><i>The school would cater for sub-Leaving and Leaving Certificate studies generally. It would be concerned specifically with the entrance qualification demanded for the diploma and associateship courses for the Perth Technical College in Architecture, Chemistry, Commerce, Engineering, Domestic Science and Pharmacy.</i></p> <p>Other technical schools were established at Mount Lawley and Wembley and a new campus for Perth Technical College was built at Bentley, which opened in 1965.</p>

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In 1967, Perth Technical College became the WA Institute of Technology (WAIT, now Curtin University) as the venue for higher technical education studies. A new Technical College building was developed in Aberdeen Street and in the mid 1970s, this became the Central Campus of Technical and Further Education (TAFE). The Technical Schools throughout the metropolitan area, including Leederville, became branch campuses of TAFE. Each campus specialises in a number of subject areas to avoid undue duplication of courses. It closely associated with trade courses and has high levels of access and facilities because of its location close to the Town Centre, railway station and major traffic routes.

Aerial photographs from the mid 20th century onwards show the gradual increase of buildings on the campus, starting as early as the 1960s. In 1953 when the images were first recorded, there were less than a dozen buildings on the subject site. Almost all of these buildings were added to in the next decade and by 1970 the school had doubled in size. Another large extension was added in the late 1980s and several of the buildings were re-roofed. Additional construction occurred in 2011 joining two buildings on the eastern side of the campus. Since then there have been few changes visible.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Historic theme	Peopling WA: Demographic Development Social Services: Demographic Development
Associations	
Sources	Municipal Heritage Inventory 2006 Landgate Aerial photographs 1953-2024. City of Vincent Local History Collection The West Australian, 17 December, p. 2.

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS



ARCHIVAL IMAGES



The West Australian, 17 December 1948, p. 2.



Commonwealth PLAN students and local girls at Leederville Technical School, c1949.

City of Vincent Local History Collection, image PH02476