

BUILDING TITLE: Hamilton Technical School **BUILDING ADDRESS:** Mt Baimbridge Road
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: A || B || C |X| D || E || **BUILDING TYPE:** school
DESIGNATION: HBR Reg No File # AHC File # NT File # Class || Rec ||
CONSERVATION AREA: outside **LEVEL OF STREETScape SIGNIFICANCE:** 1 || 2 || 3 ||
STYLE: International

CONSTRUCTION DATE & ALTERATIONS:

1. 1964
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Sources:

1. Ed Dept, Vision & Realization

MATERIALS:

Roof:
Walls:
Dressings:
Plinth:
Windows:
Paving:
Other:

SURVEY DATE: / / **NEG FILE:** / **REPORTER:**
INTEGRITY: E || G || F || P || **NOTABLE FEATURES:**
CONDITION: E || G || F || P ||
SIGNIFICANCE:

ALTERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appropriate: Rec Inappropriate: Rec

O=reinstate original design S=reinstate sympathetic alternative R=remove RAM=remove by approved method

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/TENANTS: **ARCHITECTS/BUILDERS:** **TITLE:**
A V Jennings Pty Ltd Sec CA

COUNCIL COMPUTER # not rated **MORE INFO OVER** || **HAMDS100**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hamilton Technical School
Mt Baimbridge Road

This building, opened in October 1964, ⁽ⁱ⁾ has local significance for its architectural interest as an example of a school design by the Melbourne firm, A V Jennings Pty Ltd, and for its importance in the history of technical education in the Western District region. It was the first full scale technical school in the Hamilton district and later provided post-secondary training in such areas as wool classing, and farm mechanics, ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ a boon to Western District farmers and wool producers.

The Technical School has associations with the origins of technical education in Hamilton, which began in 1906. An unofficial school for motor trade apprentices was held in the late 1940s at Ansett Motors (now Wannan Motors) in Gray Street and later in the Showgrounds. From the 1930s, Hamilton High School had a considerable involvement, opening a technical block in the early 1950s. In 1958 a new wing was built on the other side of Mt Baimbridge Road which became the nucleus of the present Technical School in 1961. ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾ This later became co-educational, had a TAFE (Technical And Further Education) function, providing some post secondary technical training. ^(iv)

The school is significantly intact and in good condition.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC THEMES

Evolution Of The Town: 1930s, 1940s and 1960s
Education: Secondary, technical and tertiary
Squatting: Wool testing & Grazing.
Transport: Motor.

ASSOCIATED HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Hamilton & District High School, Mt Baimbridge Rd

REFERENCES

Ed Dept, *Vision and Realisation*, Vol I & II
Garden, D, *Hamilton*, North Melbourne, 1984

FOOTNOTES

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- i *Vision and Realisation*, Vol II, p 137-138.
ii Ibid.
iii Ibid., & p 132-133.
iv Ibid., Garden, D, *Hamilton*, p 239.