

<b>Street Address</b>	452-478 Main Road, Wellington Point
<b>GPS/RPD</b>	Lot 165 CP888464
<b>Place Type</b>	Built



Red-e-map (RCC, 2016).



Wellington Point State School, Wellington Point (AHS, 2016).

<b>Condition</b>	Good	<b>Integrity</b>	Good
<b>Statutory Listings</b>	Local Heritage Place		
<b>Non-Statutory Listings</b>	No current listing		
<b>Inspection Date</b>	02/12/2016		

**Historical Context**

Wellington Point State School (452-478 Main Road) officially opened in 1887 and this particular building is an early building on the School Reserve [1]. The other surviving building relating to the early school development is the former teacher's residence, presently at 17-18 Esplanade [2]. Residents requested a locally-based school at a public meeting held at Gilbert Burnett's home Whepstead in 1885, where a committee was formed to oversee the construction of the Wellington Point School. The children from the local area had previously attended the Cleveland West (Ormiston) School, the Cleveland East (Cleveland) School, and the Capalaba School, which required crossing Hilliards Creek via footbridge, or using bush tracks and horse-drawn transport [3].

The school officially opened in May 1887, and Joseph Wedd, the head teacher of Cleveland East State School, was the first teacher at Wellington Point School [4]. It was a government requirement that the school had a minimum average attendance of 30 pupils, which the school struggled to maintain initially. There were only 27 children enrolled on the first day of school and they included members of the Burnett family, the Ziegenfusz family, and the Lovett family, all of whom made significant contributions to the Wellington Point Area. [5].

The attendance numbers of pupils grew dramatically after the opening of the Cleveland railway line in November 1889 and this building, the second school building coincides with this period of growth, likely constructed at the turn of the century [6]. The school committee continued to be active in the life of the school and community, as they organised the construction of a bathing enclosure to enable swimming lessons for children at the school on the western beach in 1922 [7] The school building remains in-situ and in use by the school.

**Physical Description**

This is a high set symmetrical timber school building with a gable roof continuous over the enclosed verandah. The front gable wing has a timber batten gable end, a central window, awning and the school sign relief. The exterior cladding is timber chamfer boards. The front footpath is lined with large established trees.

**Statement of Significance**

The Wellington Point State School building is a locally significant place which embodies representative, aesthetic and community values. Constructed in 1896, it is the earliest remaining example of an early school building in the local area, and continues to be used for education. This place demonstrates the pattern of European settlement in this area as the population grew. Together with the teacher's residence and mature trees nearby, the place contributes positively to the setting of the school and the Main Street locality.

**Criteria A**

The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region's history.

493 Main Road, c. 1886, is historically significant as an early school building, which was associated with early settlement in Wellington Point.

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<b>Criteria E</b>	The place is important to the region because of its aesthetic significance.
The Wellington Point State School building is a good example of an early school building. The distinct form, along with the teacher's residence and mature trees nearby, contributes positively to the setting of the school and the Main Street locality.	
<b>Criteria G</b>	The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons important to the region.
The Wellington Point State School building has a strong association with the local community as a place of public education, illustrated by the early community's efforts in acquiring the land and advocating for a local school. The continuing use of this site as Wellington Point State School signifies a community relationship with this building as an important local site.	

Primary Themes	
9.0 Educating Queensland	9.01 Primary schooling

References
[1] Wellington Point State School, 1987, "Wellington Point State School History 1887-1987" n.d., p.11 and Mary Howells, n.d., "Wellington Point-History", p.2. [2] Redland City Council, 2016, "W19-Wellington Point: Wellington Point School Principals House (Former) and Howells, n.d., p.11. [3] Wellington Point State School, 1987, p.1. and Redland Libraries Redlands Coast Timelines, n.d. "Wellington Point", p.8. [4] Wellington Point State School, 1987, p.11 and Redland Libraries "Wellington Point", p.8. [5] Wellington Point State School, 1987, p.12. [6] Redland Libraries "Wellington Point", p.9. Wellington Point State School, 1987, pp.21-22. [7] Howells, n.d., p.8