

Statement of Significance: 13 St Georges Road Toorak (March 2022)

Heritage Place: 13 St Georges Road Toorak	PS ref no: HO770
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What is significant?

The property at 13 St Georges Road, Toorak is significant. Specifically the built form, fenestration, materiality and colour of the Interwar International Style residence is locally significant, as well as the integrated garage and wall along St Georges Road. Later alterations and additions to the property are not significant.

How is it significant?

13 St Georges Road, Toorak aesthetic and representative significance to the City of Stonnington, and is associated with the noted architect A. Mortimer McMillan.

Why is it significant?

13 St Georges Road, Toorak is a representative example of Interwar International Style architecture which achieves its starkly modern, almost timeless architectural character through an emphasis on form and volume, and a rejection of decorative devices. Key characteristics that embody the European modernist derived International Style include the distinct rectilinear form punctuated by a curved projecting bay, flat parapet concealing the roof, repetitive horizontal and vertical design elements, smooth rendered walls painted off-white with no decorative detailing, and integrated garage. (Criterion D)

13 St Georges Road, Toorak is aesthetically significant as an intact and visually distinct International Style residence. Key architectural elements contributing to its aesthetic value include the well balanced and visually striking asymmetrical form, the distinct corner and vertical strip steel windows, the curved projecting bay, smooth render painted off-white, and matching garage and boundary wall. (Criterion E)

13 St Georges Road also has associate significance as an unusual International Style example of the work of architect A. Mortimer McMillan, who was more commonly known for this Interwar Old English designs. (Criterion H)

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