

Statement of Significance: 23 Douglas Street, Toorak (March 2022)

Heritage Place: 23 Douglas Street, Toorak

PS ref no: HO307



(Source: Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, 2021)

What is significant?

The property at 23 Douglas Street, Toorak, is significant. Specifically, the form, scale and detailing of the Arts and Crafts style residence is locally significant. The front fence, although not original, is of contributory value. The colour scheme, front fence, pool, landscaping and later alterations and additions are not significant.

How is it significant?

The residence is of rarity and aesthetic value to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

The residence at 23 Douglas Street, Toorak, is significant as a rare example of an early Arts and Crafts residence, of which there are limited comparable examples in the municipality. (Criterion B)

The residence is aesthetically significant as a highly intact and well ornamented example of the Arts and Crafts movement in the municipality. Significant features include the timber panelling and barge board to the gable ends, façade fenestration and joinery, leaded windows with stained glass flower motifs, the verandah form, curved brackets and turned posts/balustrade embellished with fluted patterns and patera motif, recessed entrance, roughcast stucco walls, elaborate roughcast stucco corbelled octagonal chimneys and hipped roof with open gable projections clad in slate tiles. The timber picket front fence, whilst not original, adds to the heritage character of the place. (Criterion E)

Primary source

23 Douglas Street, Toorak, Citation Report, Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, November 2021.