

Statement of Significance: Hillcrest, 1043 Malvern Road, Toorak (March 2022)

Heritage Place: Hillcrest, Toorak	PS ref no: HO324
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(Source: Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, 2021)

What is significant?

The property at 1043 Malvern Road, Toorak (otherwise known as Hillcrest) is significant. Specifically, the form, scale and detailing of the Victorian Italianate villa is of local significance. The landscaping, front fence and later alterations and additions are not significant.

How is it significant?

Hillcrest is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington.

Why is it significant?

Hillcrest is historically significant in demonstrating the development of Late Victorian villas within Toorak during the late 19th century, following the wider subdivision of the Victorian era estates. The house is also of historical significance in demonstrating residential development in the south eastern suburbs by Melbourne's wealthiest citizens during the gold rush period. (Criterion A)

Hillcrest has aesthetic significance as a high-quality, fine and intact example of a Victorian Italianate villa with a prominent and visually striking tower. Key characteristics that contribute towards this aesthetic value include the use of stucco render, a half polygonal bay window, decorative bracketing under the eaves, timber joinery, an elaborate rectilinear tower with a parapet and the hipped slate roof. (Criterion E)

Primary source

Hillcrest, 1043 Malvern Road Toorak, Citation Report, Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, November 2021.