

## Statement of Significance: Pensford, 528 Orrong Road, Armadale (March 2022)

<b>Heritage Place:</b> Pensford, Armadale	<b>PS ref no:</b> HO27
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(Source: Extent Heritage Pty Ltd, 2021)

### What is significant?

The property at 528 Orrong Road, Armadale (otherwise known as Pensford) is significant. Specifically, the form, scale and detailing of Federation/Art Nouveau residence is of local heritage significance, as well as the mature maple tree and face brick boundary wall. The garage and linking structure, outbuilding and other site landscaping is not significant.

### How is it significant?

Pensford is of local aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington, and is associated with prominent Arts and Crafts architect, Walter Richmond Butler.

### Why is it significant?

Pensford has aesthetic significant as a fine, intact and early example of a Federation era dwelling with clear Art Nouveau influences. Art Nouveau elements of aesthetic value include the rendered leaf and flower decorations to the tops of the chimneys, the pierced tulips in the north verandah frieze and the stylised plant forms in the parapets. Other elements of notable aesthetic value include the red brick (to both the dwelling and boundary wall), roof form with projecting bays and terracotta tile, rendered stucco and angled orientation of the building on the street corner. Finally, the maple (*acer*) tree has aesthetic value as a very large mature tree in the front setback that contributes to the character of the dwelling on the street; it was planted around the same time as the building was constructed. (Criterion E)

Pensford is associated with prominent Arts and Crafts architect, Walter Richmond Butler. Pensford was a transitional design of Butler's that was positioned between the largely English Vernacular Revival style of his earlier houses and the American influences of his later houses. It is also an unusual example of his use of Art Nouveau detailing on domestic architecture in Melbourne. (Criterion H)

### Primary source

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