

Historic Heritage Inventory

Paeroa College Pavilion & adjacent block



Location: Te Aroha Road, Paeroa

Heritage Status

Historic Places Trust Registration Number:

Historic Places Trust Category:

HDC Heritage Category: **B** - Heritage Feature. Regional or Sub-Regional Significance

Other: Land vested in School Reserve

Physical Description: Paeroa College contains a number of school rooms dating to various periods from the 20th Century. A 1910's school building is still located at the southern end of the school. The adjacent block is also from the same time period. The remainder of the buildings are modern prefabs and blocks.

Other known names:

Notable features:

Style:

Materials: Timber, Corrugated Iron

Date of Construction: 1877 (original school building)

District Plan Schedule

Number: **HAU127**

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Heritage Type:

- Wahi Tapu
- Cultural Landscape
- Building
- Group of Buildings
- Structure
- Monument
- Historic Place
- Archaeological Site
- Other

Date Period:

1881-1910

Significance:

- Archaeological
- Architectural
- Cultural
- Historic
- Scientific
- Technological

Thematic Context

- Maori
- Early Settlement
- Industry
- Extraction
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Transport
- Communication
- Commerce
- Residential
- Social/Cultural
- Civic
- Health
- Educational
- Church/yard
- Other

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History: The first school in Paeroa opened in 1875 under John Ritchie, an English Schoolmaster. It was situated in a private building near the New Zealand Co-operative Dairy Factory. In 1876, the school was recognised by the Government and Ritchie was paid for his efforts. A site for a public school was acquired and the first school building opened for children in August 1877. At first, the land was sub-leased to the Government by Jackson and Russell but later the owner, Chief Rapata te Arakai, gifted the land to the Government as a gesture of goodwill. Additional land was purchased for the school in 1902 and 1910. The school was damaged by fire in 1910. The District High School opened in 1902. It became Paeroa College in 1958.

Architect:

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer:

History of changes:

Condition: Good

Integrity: Substantially intact

Current Uses: School

Former Uses:

Registered owner: Ministry of Education

Legal Description: Rawhitiroa 2; Pt Lot 3 DP 17994; Secs 14 and 22 Blk XVI Waihou SD

Reference Source: Cotter, M. J. (1975) *From Green to Gold: Paeroa and District 1875-1975*. Paeroa Borough Council.

Associated Pictures:

