

Central School, Waihi



Location: Moresby Ave, Waihi

Heritage Status

Historic Places Trust Registration Number:

Historic Places Trust Category:

HDC Heritage Category: **C** - Heritage Item. Local or Neighbourhood Significance

Other:

Physical Description: Primary School buildings on the site of the original District High School. All original school buildings were destroyed by fire in the 1920s or later demolished (circa 1970-80) and subsequently rebuilt. Although the main block of classrooms includes prefabs and modern extensions, the main block was built in 1931 and has been substantially altered and extended since then.

The Dental Clinic was moved from the old Waihi South School site and is of 1930's construction.

A tramway went down the front of the school (pre 1900).

Other known names:

Notable features:

Style:

District Plan Schedule

Number: **HAU090**

Heritage Category : **C**

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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Materials: timber, corrugated iron

Date of Construction: 1931

History: The Central School was formerly the District High School (1901), and formerly the first Central School (1896), the first state school in Waihi. The first school in Waihi opened on June 12th 1890 with Elizabeth Sanderson as the first teacher. The school building was unlined and roughly made. Access was via a long plank bridge from the main street. Miss K. Truscott was appointed head teacher with R.J. Corbett as assistant.

The school roll was 60 at this time and calls were put out for a new school. Central School opened in 1896 with Mr Bengé as headmaster and Laura Roberts as the Infant Mistress. By 1900 the roll had risen to 538 and in 1901 the school became a District High School with a staff of 11 and secondary roll of 38. By 1907, over 1000 pupils attended the school.

To ease overcrowding, a new five class school room was built in 1908 and opened as East School. This school room burnt down in 1939, although East School continues today. Several of the school buildings from Central School were shifted to a new site south of the main street and opened as South School. This also burnt down although one of the buildings remains in use as a playcentre.

Central School was burnt down and replacement school buildings were built in 1931. The school still operates as a primary school and has gone through several transitions and additions. The original school building was located at the rear of the school. 1930s buildings are still on site including the Dental Clinic building on School Lane which was the location of the original Waihi School of Mines.

Architect:

Designer:

Builder:

Engineer:

History of changes:

Condition: unknown

Integrity: substantially intact

Current Uses: school

Former Uses:

Registered owner: Ministry of Education (Public School gazetted 1960)

Legal Description: Pt Ohinemuri 7

Reference Source: R. Irvine, M Carmine, Cr M Hayden.

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Associated Pictures:

