Statement of Significance: 1 Cross Street, Toorak (March 2022)

Heritage Place: 1 Cross Street, Toorak	**PS ref no:** HO728



(Source: Extent Heritage Pty Ltd)

What is significant?

The property at 1 Cross Street, Toorak, is significant. Specifically, the form, scale, detailing and fenestration of the freestanding boom era Victorian Italianate terrace is of local significance. The verandah posts, landscaping, front boundary fence and later alterations and additions to the property are not significant.

How is it significant?

1 Cross Street is of local historical, representative and aesthetic significance to the City of Stonnington, and is representative of a freestanding boom era Victorian Italianate terrace.

Why is it significant?

1 Cross Street is historically significant in demonstrating the development of Victorian residences within Toorak by Melbourne's wealthiest citizens during the late 19th century, following the rapid subdivision and sale of residential land during the 1880s boom period. (Criterion A)

1 Cross Street is representative of a Victorian Italianate terrace, including principal design characteristics such as a tall decorative parapet concealing a double gable roof, original arched timber sash windows with expressed sills, arched label moulds caps and keystones, stucco walls, rendered chimneys with cornice mouldings, corner brackets and withes, cast iron lacework to the balustrade and valance, a solid timber panel door with original timber joinery, and decorative party walls with precast console brackets. (Criterion D)

1 Cross Street is aesthetically significant as a well-kept and grand example of a two-storey freestanding Victorian Italianate terrace. Key characteristics contributing towards its aesthetic significance include its tall arched parapet form, profiled rendered chimneys, bay window, expressive arched windows with hood mouldings and other decorative detailing including stucco ornament, precast urn finials and intricate iron lacework. (Criterion E)

Primary source

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