

Statement of Significance: House (Concrete House)

Address:	226 Alma Road, St Kilda East	Name:	House (Concrete House)
Place type:	Residential: House	Grading:	Significant
PS map ref (Heritage Overlay):	HO505	Constructed:	1912
Heritage precinct:	Not applicable	Citation no:	2387



What is significant?

The concrete house, constructed in 1912, at 226 Alma Road, St Kilda East is significant. This house has rendered concrete walls and a hip tile roof with a central gablet at the front. The render to the front walls has 'fish scale' detailing below a band of textured render set between a stringcourse and the eaves. There is a box bay window and tall double-hung timber windows. The entrance is via a typical Edwardian style high-waisted timber door with an arched window and flanked by sidelights and highlighted located at one end of the inset porch, which has sinuous Art-Nouveau style timber frieze.

Non-original alterations and additions are not significant.

How is it significant?

The house at 226 Alma Road, St Kilda East is of local historic, architectural and aesthetic significance to the City of Port Phillip.

Why is it significant?

It is significant as an early example of a concrete house. One of several constructed in the City of Port Phillip in the first two decades of the twentieth century it is notable as one of the first, pre-dating the nearby house at 200 Alma Road (designed by a leading advocate of concrete houses, Leslie Perrott) by three years. It is also significant as one of the earliest houses in the eastern section of Alma Road and is associated with the first phase of suburban residential development that followed the opening in 1911 of the electric tram along Dandenong Road. (Criteria A & D)

While mostly conventional in its form and detailing it is also significant for how the render has been used as a decorative device on the front elevation. (Criterion E)

Primary source

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