

GORGEOUS GOTHIC FOR CRAMNER SQUARE



WHY WE LOVE IT

GOTHIC FRINGE: Fabulous buildings with Gothic flair decorate its boundaries and tell the story of an historically important educational precinct.

STYLE GURUS

SCHOOL'S OUT: The former **Christchurch Girls' High School**, 1880 designed by W.B Armson in the Victorian Gothic Revival style, with later additions added from 1907-1962 by three successive generations of Collins architects.

The former **Normal School**, 1876: built to provide a primary school and a training environment for the Teachers' College. Architect Samuel Farr was renowned for his Gothic Revival style. An extension to the Montreal Street wing was designed by Thomas Cane in 1878.

To the north: the castle-like towers of the former **Christchurch Teachers' Training College** 1924 -30 designed by George Penlington. This building initially served to accommodate the overflow from the Normal School and training college.

WHAT WAS HERE BEFORE

Cathedral Grammar School contains several listed heritage buildings: the former **St Margaret's Girls' School** designed by Cecil Wood (1913), a Neo Georgian school building by WH Trengrove (1928), the former dwelling 'Inveresk' (c1875) and the former St Saviour's Church from Lyttelton by Cyril Mountfort (1885).

WONDERFUL & WEIRD

Cranmer Square – one of three inner city squares – is named after Thomas Cranmer, a martyred 16th century Archbishop of Canterbury, England.

CHALLENGES

The Normal School was saved from demolition in the 1980s. This building and the Teacher's Training College have both been converted to apartments.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

<http://library.christchurch.org.nz>

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