

GILLES STREET SCHOOL

101-119 Gilles Street



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This school, erected in 1899, is associated with the earlier residential nature of this part of the city.

Plans for a new school in Gilles Street were first conceived when a site was bought in November 1881, but the school was not begun until mid-1899. Charles Edward Owen Smyth was the architect and E Fricker the contractor. Built for £3182 it was completed around Easter time in 1900. It could accommodate 550 children in three large schoolrooms, two classrooms and an infants classroom with gallery. It was a single storey of brick construction with Murray Bridge stone banding. In 1925 it underwent extensive remodelling with additional classrooms being built separately. The windows of the original building were also modified. To the front they were all made longer, while two sets of double windows became triple windows on either side of the centre gable.



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C.E. Omen Smyth was appointed superintendent of Public Buildings on 1 July, 1886, a position he held until 1920. Pragmatic and confident, he was responsible for the design of several well-known public buildings that were constructed when treasury funds were meagre.

This building displays prominent gables and roof form and is similar to that of earlier model schools. The building is distinctive because of its use of loadbearing brick walls rather than the bluestone masonry more commonly found in the 1880s. The style of the building is aptly abstracted from aspects of the Gothic Revival (or at least an Arts and Crafts version of it) and continues the architectural idiom of earlier model schools. The building is notable for its high quality brickwork and bevel-edged sandstone dressings. The gables with well finished moulded brick detailing are reminiscent of 'Tudor' half timberwork.

In form and detail the school contrasts with nearby development, but is comparable in scale and setback. It is a positive element in the streetscape, enhanced by the associated landscaping.

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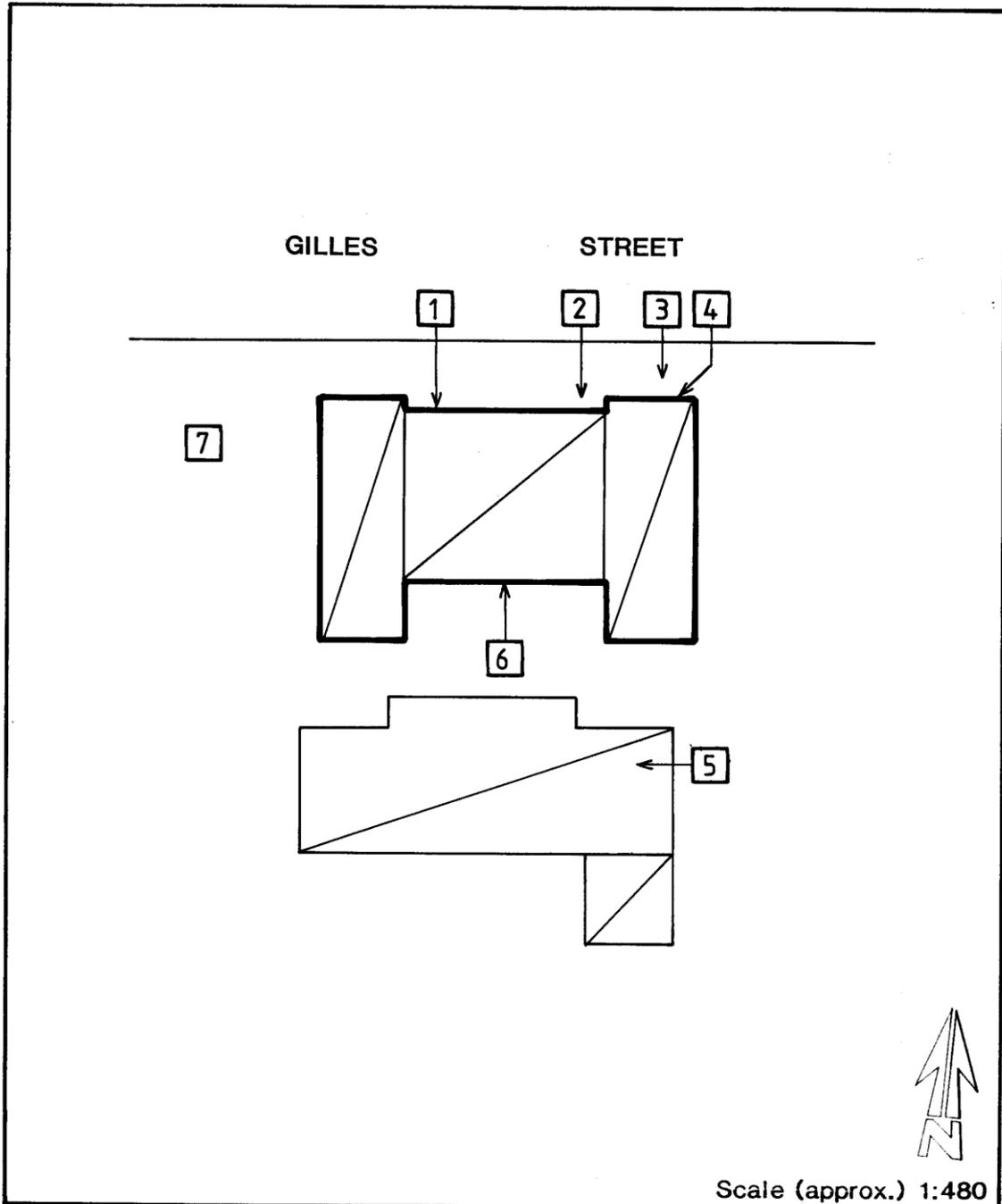


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NOTES:

1. Brick construction (Flemish bond) with sandstone window surrounds.
2. Main entrance.
3. Ventilated jerkinhead roofs to wings.
4. Note Brick detailing in gables.
5. Additional school building of later date.
6. Note Dormer windows.
7. Sunscreens added to northern and western elevations.