

**DEPARTMENT OF FURTHER EDUCATION,
SCHOOL OF MUSIC
(Former Flinders Street Primary School)**

263-279 Flinders Street

This school was the first two storey public school to be built in the colony. Designed by architect-in-chief, Edward John Woods, it was constructed for about £7400 by William Dickin and completed in 1878.

The opening ceremony took place in the infant schoolroom which was 'tastefully decorated' with flowers, and the young children went through a ' . . . delightfully pleasant singing and gesticulating exercise', and then all sang the 'Song of Australia'. The Governor Sir William Jervois, the minister of education, the attorney-general, parliamentarians, city councillors, an archdeacon and other city notables attended the ceremony. Commenting on what seemed to be rather too much money spent on one school when there were already others in the city, the Honourable Thomas King (minister of education) remarked that the recently introduced 'Compulsory' Education Act of 1875 had produced a voluntary return to school of 750 of a known 900 children who had not been attending school, which proved the money had been well spent.

The Gothic-derived style with gabled roof was typical of Woods' school designs. It was built of bluestone with brick quoins and dressings. Much attention was paid to the ventilation system, while the windows were tall, arched and exceedingly narrow. Some were square headed but none admitted much light and, in common with most of Woods' Gothic school windows, they were later modified to allow more light. Only the windows on the north-facing facade escaped change. The school had a typical layout for the period, one of segregation of sexes, infants and babies, with the segregation also applying to the playground. The boys classrooms were on the first floor and all the others on the ground floor.

At the front the building has had minor alteration, losing the belltower and having its dressings and quoins painted. Extensive alterations took place in 1924-25 at the rear. In 1988 efforts commenced to remove paint work from the brick dressings and quoins.

Like several of the city's school buildings, the old primary school has accommodated a variety of educational institutions. It was opened as the City Model School 1878, renamed the East Adelaide Model School in the following year and the Flinders Street Public School in 1885. It remained a primary school until 1969 when it became the Flinders Street Adult Education Centre. It has remained a tertiary institution, becoming the Adelaide College of Further Education, School of Music, in 1978.

ACA, Smith Survey 1880; Department of Housing and Construction Plan Room, HD 847-866; MLSA, Bierbaum files, *Flinders Street School centenary 1878-1978*, SA Department of Further Education, 1978, Historical photographs, (Gall Collection); PRO, (GRG50/1/8) Central Board of Education minutes, 1876, (GRG38/16/1) record book of school buildings; *South Australian Register*, Supplement, 23 November 1878.

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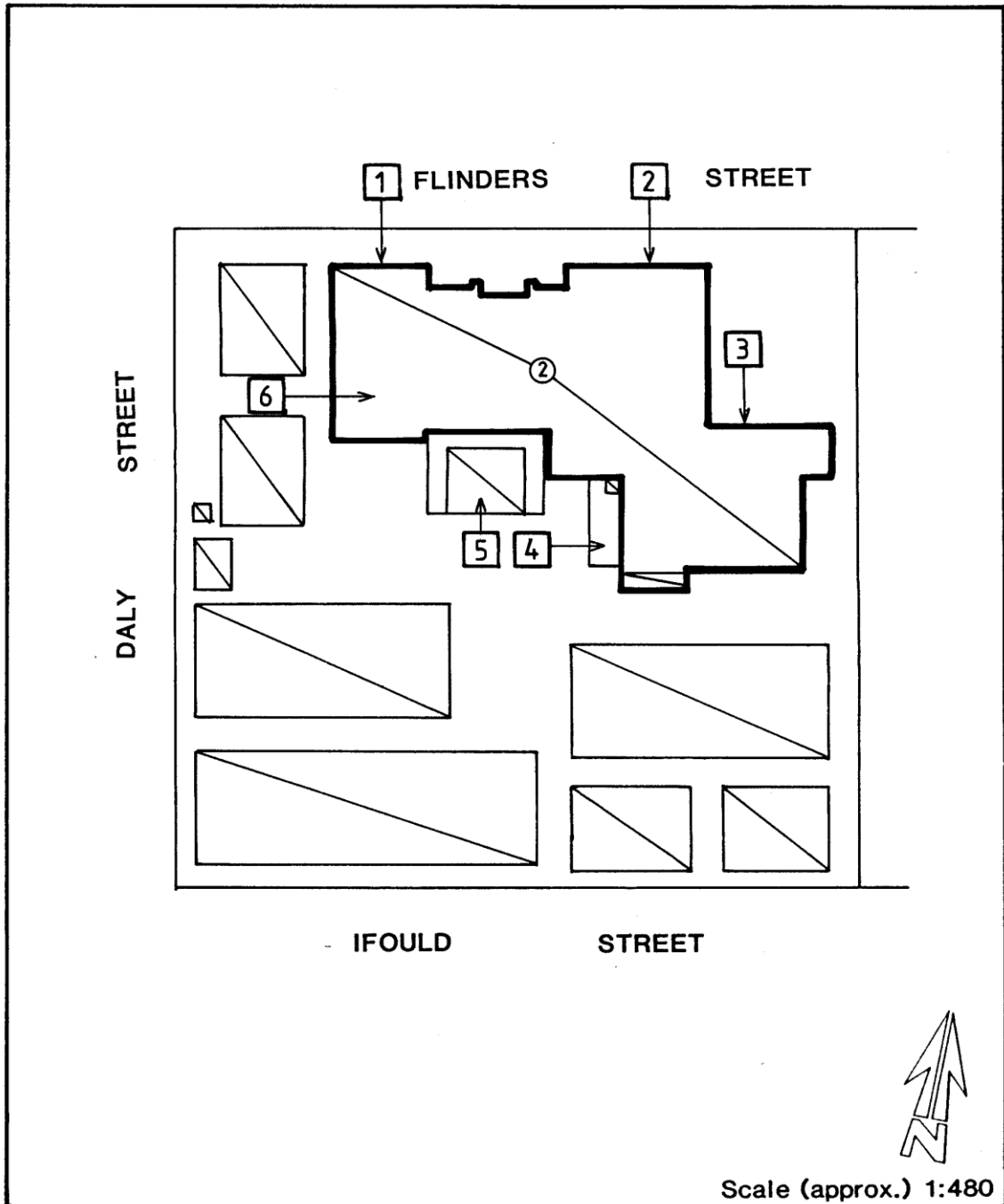


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NOTES:

1. Coursed random bluestone with brick quoins and detailing.
2. Note closed windows.
3. Brick at first floor level.
4. Brick lean-to.
5. Brick addition.
6. Tiled roof.