

An article which appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald in 1884 under the heading **Industrial Works in Pyrmont** included in its extensive survey of the area a detailed description of the **Pyrmont Public School** and its proposed two storey block which was designed by Architect for Schools, William Kemp and completed in 1892

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The new Public school is in John-street. This is a large and commodious building, which stands in strong contrast with its rather dingy and dilapidated surroundings. It comprises a central portion enclosing stair-cases, hatrooms, lavatories entrance hall, and bell tower, with school and class rooms on either side and at the back. The large rooms on each floor are 45 feet 6 inches long by 25 feet wide. There are class rooms at the back, and teachers rooms, 15 feet 6 inches by 12 feet, off the entrance hall, which measures 19 feet 6 inches by 16 feet. The infants' rooms are on the ground floor; the boys being placed upstairs, while the girls will occupy rooms on the left wing, entirely separate from contact with the other scholars. The girls' schoolroom is 63 feet by 25 feet, and is entered by a separate door. The rooms are well lit and ventilated. At the

back of the building there will be some outhouses and a small playground. In front, facing the street, there will be a verandah and railing. The building is very substantially built, and will cost about £10,000, without the furniture. Messrs. Candish and Co. are the builders. It is, of course, an undertaking of especially local interest, but it may be classed with the various industrial works above referred to, as an indication of both local and general prosperity.