



# Adelaide High School



Adelaide High School was the result of a national architectural competition. The building took 11 years to complete - interrupted by the Second World War and associated labour and material shortages.

The building reputedly stands as Adelaide's most notable large-scale examples of 'Functionalist' style architecture. The structural system is openly expressed and the external form is a mix of asymmetrically arranged rectilinear and curved forms - expressing the functions inside. Ornament is expressed in the arrangement and detailing of windows and entrances.

The face brick building is detailed with strip glazing - set forward of the brickwork. The upper floor cantilevers over the vertical glazing of the ground floor. The building form is a sweeping curve in plan, intersected with cube and tower forms at the entry.

The palette of materials includes brick, glazed tiles and, internally, rendered walls. Its flat roof is concealed behind a parapet.

## DETAILS:

### Location

Cnr West Terrace/Glover Avenue, Adelaide

### Architect

Fitzgerald, E. & Brogan, J. (NSW)

### Date

1940 -51

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