

Proposed Renovation to the Stevenson Library Building  
The Scots College  
29-53 Victoria Rd, Bellevue Hill, NSW 2023

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### Architect's Comment: ACCESSIBILITY

The aim of this introductory statement is to provide a general view of the current accessible provisions & identify proposals to bring the facility up to contemporary standards, in compliance with the DDA & AS1428.1-2009.

#### The Existing Building

Direct access externally to the lower 3 levels:

GF from the Oval

FF from a flight of steps which lead from the entry Quadrangle down to the Oval

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SF via a flight of steps down to the Quadrangle & on grade to a courtyard & the Aspinall embankment to the north.

The building has no accessible pathway nor accessible ramp connecting it to the main point of entry into the campus from Victoria Rd. A ramp does lead from the entry down to the Quadrangle, where it terminates.

Vertical circulation within the building is via stairs located at the north west & south west corners.

There is no lift servicing the building. It is not known whether corridors, door widths, clearances or pathways comply with AS1428.1-2009. Given the age of the building we believe that they do not.

#### The Proposed Renovation

Works to meet AS1428.1-2009

Accessibility Consultant to develop a strategy of compliance for the structure including:

- Create an accessible pathway from the main campus entry off Victoria Rd to the Library's main entrance off the Quadrangle. This will involve creating a lower courtyard at entry level on the first floor & extending the current accessible ramp from the Quadrangle so that all visitors & users arrive via the main entrance/front door.
- Inclusion of an accessible lift complying with AS1735 part 12
- Doorways, corridors, clearances, signage, sanitary facilities
- Movement throughout the building
- Review relationship to other buildings & external areas

### **SUMMARY**

The proposed renovation shall include a significant upgrade to all aspects of the current building including servicing and accessibility. As an existing building it is anticipated that some existing constraints may impact upon an compliance strategy which will need to include management plans as well as physical upgrade work.