

## College of Fine Arts (COFA):

### *Premises occupied by COFA since its inception as School of Arts within Alexander Mackie College*

Established in 1975 as School of Arts within the Alexander Mackie College teaching took place on three campuses: Cumberland Street Campus (The Rocks, leased from Sydney Cove Redevelopment Authority), Liverpool Street Campus (leased, former Marist Brothers School), and Burton Street Campus (within East Sydney Technical College). In 1977 Flinders Street Campus was leased from the Commonwealth Bank. Liverpool and Burton Street Campus were both vacated at the end of 1977. During 1978 and 1979 teaching took place on Cumberland and Flinders Street premises. When 'Teacher Education' moved to Oatley Campus parts of Albion Avenue Campus became available for School of Arts Teaching. Since 1980 teaching took place on Albion Ave, Cumberland and Flinders Street campuses.

On 1 January 1982 the School of Arts became the City Art Institute within the Sydney College of Advanced Education<sup>1</sup>, its classes were still being taught on the three campuses Albion Ave, Cumberland and Flinders St, however, over the years Cumberland Street was being vacated, leaving Flinders Street the only leased premises.

In 1988 the New South Wales Institute of the Arts was established combining the City Art Institute, the School of Art within SCA and the Art courses offered by TAFE at the East Sydney Technical College under the authority of a Board of Governors responsible to the Minister.

On 1 January 1990 the City Art Institute officially became the College of Fine Arts of the University of New South Wales. Prior to its amalgamation with UNSW the City Art Institute had already commissioned a new building complex on its Albion Avenue Campus (adjoining Green Street). Delay in completion of the building complex necessitated an extension on the lease of 99-115 Flinders Street up to the end of 1991. Practical completion of the new building was on 19/7/1991 with a total cost of \$ 9,571,150. The new Art and Design complex was officially opened on 2 December 1991. In 1992 the College of Fine Arts, for the first time in its history, was able to consolidate all its teaching activities on one campus.

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<sup>1</sup> The Sydney College of Advanced Education consisted of five Institutes and the Guild Centre:

St George Institute of Teacher Training	
City Art Institute	<i>(both previously Alexander Mackie College)</i>
Institute of Early Childhood Studies	<i>(previously Nursery School Teachers College and Sydney Kindergarten College)</i>
Sydney Institute of Education	
	<i>[Campuses Newtown, Camperdown and on Sydney Uni Campus]</i>
Institute of Technical & Adult Teacher Education	
	<i>(both previously Sydney Teachers College)</i>
Guild Centre	<i>(previously Guild Teachers College)</i>

*Teaching premises of the School of Art/ City Art Institute:*

1975, 1976	Cumberland St Liverpool St Burton St	
1977	Cumberland St Liverpool St Burton St Flinders St	
1978, 1979	Cumberland St Flinders St	
1980	Cumberland St Flinders St Albion Ave	
1982-	Cumberland St Flinders St Albion Ave	with Cumberland St being vacated over the years
1992	Albion Ave	

Sources:

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