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## Finance Committee - Special Meeting

Held in the Council Room on Monday,  
6 March, 1944, at 8.30 p.m.

Present.

The President C. E. J. Lippett (Chair) Vice-  
Presidents Mrs L. A. Farr & Mr G. Bealand,  
The Hon. Treasurer C. H. Lederman, Mrs B. A.  
John, and L. J. Wilson. The Principal, Mr A.  
J. Kestline and the following members of  
the staff were in attendance: -  
Dr J. R. Pound Messrs A. E. Lambert, R. W.  
Richards, J. B. Sutherland, D. J. Johnston,  
C. F. Jeffery, W. G. McIn, and J. Allsop.

The President, in opening the meeting, asked  
for confidential treatment of the information  
to be given and then outlined the new  
building programme the Council had in  
mind. He traced the progress of the  
discussions by the Council and Finance  
Committee from the date of the Common-  
wealth Grant for a new workshop unit and  
said that the Council felt that the time  
had come to provide for a complete new  
school over the next 25 years. <sup>but</sup> ~~and~~ to  
proceed with new buildings on the site  
of the present workshops at the foot of  
the hill would be a mistake.

Several sites had been inspected but  
all had serious drawbacks. In the end,  
the present site, together with the area  
comprising the Gaol and the old Court House,  
was decided on. The question to be considered

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now was the amount of accommodation  
required for present classes plus any  
increases which might be expected in the  
future.

The President then called on the Principal  
to give his report on the accommodation  
required and invited a round table  
discussion on the matters to be mentioned.

The Principal said that he had prepared  
a précis of the information handed to  
him by members of the staff. This  
information was based on the assumption  
that all ~~present~~ old buildings would be  
replaced by new ones and that the  
school-leaving age would be increased to  
15 years, resulting in a four-year course  
in the Junior Technical School, instead of  
three years. This would mean an  
enrolment of approximately 480 pupils in  
the Junior School and would permit the  
taking of 140 new boys every year. It was  
felt that this enrolment of new pupils  
would accommodate all boys in Ballarat  
and district who desired to undertake  
a Junior Technical course. Another  
matter, which had an important bearing  
on accommodation, was staffing. With  
adequate staff, rooms and workshops  
could, in many instances, be occupied  
for 100% of the time, thus minimizing  
the amount of accommodation required.  
The Principal then proceeded to give the  
areas required by each department, and