

PLANNING REF: DA0341/2018  
EXEMPTION NO: #2149  
REGISTERED PLACE NO: #4031  
FILE NO: 07-63-05THC  
APPLICANT: Richard Bruce Edwards  
DATE: 30 August 2018

## CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION

(*Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*)

### **The Place: Charles Street School, 233A Charles Street. Launceston.**

Thank you for your application for a Certificate of Exemption for works to the above place. Your application has been approved by the Heritage Council under section 42(3)(a) of the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* for the following works:

Works: Change of use, internal alterations and signage for use as a fitness studio.

Documents: Documentation submitted with Launceston City Council Planning Application DA0341/2018.

Comments: The Certificate of Exemption is issued to permit the change of use and internal alterations being proposed to convert the former school hall / gymnasium into a commercial fitness studio.

The change of use is not defined to be heritage works, and the internal alterations have no impact on the integrity or historic cultural heritage values of the former Charles Street School building.

The new signage is fixed to the detached hall building, and has no appreciable impact on the integrity or historic cultural heritage values of the former Charles Street School building, which the Tasmanian Heritage Register described as “*A brick school building with horizontal rendered banding. The windows are hinged casements. There are vent lanterns on the roof.*”

The following advice is provided in relation to the new signage:

The new signage to the western side of the building (Charles Street), is identified to replace an existing sign panel, of matching size and location to the western façade.

The western wall sign is considered to be acceptable.

The wall-mounted panel sign that is proposed to the northern facade (Canning Street) is a new sign in that location, though replaces a secondary sign that was previously fixed to the western façade. The northern wall sign will be fixed to a painted rendered substrate, and considered to be acceptable.

The awning fascia sign being proposed to the northern entry canopy (Canning Street), is dimensioned at 0.4m high x 2.825m wide, noting the existing fascia is 3.2m wide.

The overall height / depth of the existing entry awning can be scaled at approximately 180mm (ie. + 2 x brick courses). It is recommended that the new awning fascia sign be reduced in height, to reduce the extent of additional signage, and match the height of the northern entry canopy, and characteristics of the existing architectural detail.

The sign being proposed to the eastern façade is a new wall sign fixed to the face brickwork. The new sign is dimensioned at 1.0m wide x 1.5m high, to contain the 'F45' logo and graphics. The sign appears to serve no functional purpose and could be reduced in size / content or deleted from the work. The signs to both Canning & Charles Street facades will be visible and identify the nature of the tenancy.

Section 14.3 of the Tasmanian Heritage Council's Works Guidelines – New Signs, states: *“Avoid the proliferation of signs at a heritage place. Corporate image requirements may have an adverse impact on the heritage significance of some buildings. Reducing the size or restricting placement of signs may be conditioned”*.

A copy of this certificate will be forwarded to the local planning authority for their information. Please note, this Certificate of Exemption is an approval under the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* only. This certificate is not an approval under any other Act. Further approvals such as planning, building or plumbing may be required. For information regarding these or any other approval, contact your local Council.

Information on the types of work that may be eligible for a Certificate of Exemption is available in the Tasmanian Heritage Council's *Works Guidelines for Historic Heritage Places* (Nov. 2015). The Works Guidelines can be downloaded from [www.heritage.tas.gov.au](http://www.heritage.tas.gov.au)

Please contact the undersigned on 1300 850 332 if you require further information.



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