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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN.

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FLINDERS MEDICAL CENTRE.

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Work on the \$40M. Flinders Medical Centre will begin today. (Monday)
The Premier, Mr. Dunstan, will initiate site works for Phase I
of the project at 9.00am this morning.

Mr. Dunstan said the scheme when completed would provide for a 710
bed teaching hospital, a nurse training school and Medical School
facilities for an entering class of 64 students a year.

He said the first phase comprised the pre-clinical Medical School
Departments (Human Physiology, Human Morphology (anatomy) and
Biochemistry), the nurse training school, a lecture theatre block
and a supplies block which will also house the medical sciences
library.

In addition, Phase I will provide residential accommodation for
about 110 nurses and other staff in small units of 3 bedroom flats.
Tenders will soon be called for the first contract in this phase -
the construction of a 6 storey block estimated to cost about \$3M.
This building will house the Medical complex's computer centre,
mechanical and electrical workshops, teaching and research laboratories,
the nurse training school and a shelled area to be developed in
Phase II as a restaurant for the whole complex.

Present planning provides for the initial Medical School facilities
to be completed in 1974 so that the first student intake can begin
the second year of their course in the new Medical Centre in 1975.
(Their first year course will be taken in the School of Biological
Sciences in 1974).

By the end of 1975 the first 350 beds will be ready for patients
together with all the necessary facilities for the care of inpatients
and outpatients in Medicine, Surgery, Gynaecology and Obstetrics
and Paediatrics.

Mr. Dunstan said the extent of integration of the functions of
patient care, teaching and research surpassed those at any other
teaching hospital in Australia, Great Britain or New Zealand.