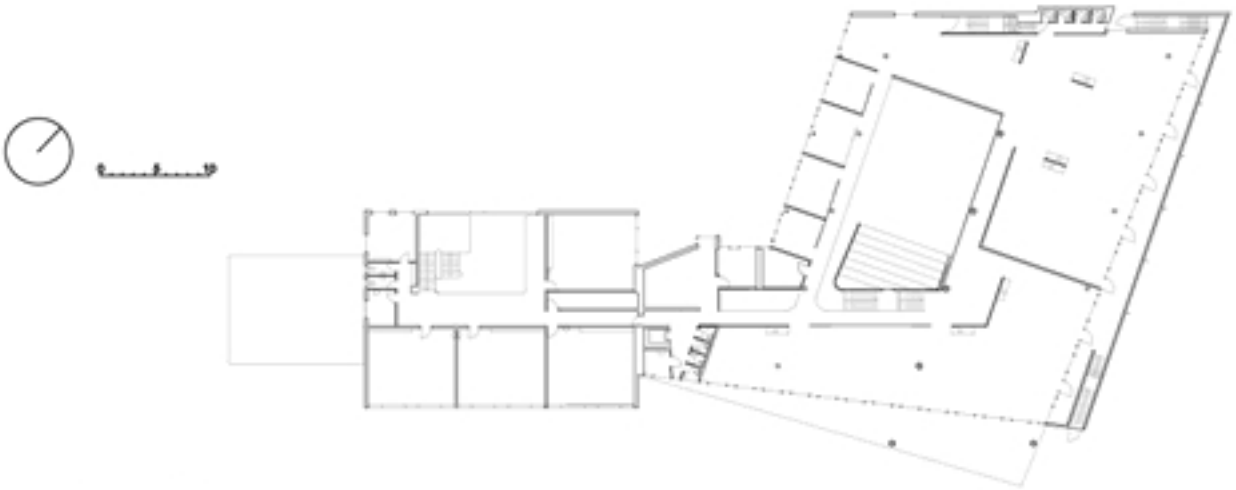
The Vogaskoli secondary school was first built in 1958. The number of students has varied greatly over the years and during the late sixties it was the largest school in the country. Following this expansion the school was split with the creation of the new sixth form college Menntaskólans by Sund.

In 1975 a new building was added to Vogaskoli. In 2004 as a result of a new increase in the number of students and changes in pedagogical thinking the city decided to demolish the 1975 building and build a new extension.



Second Floor

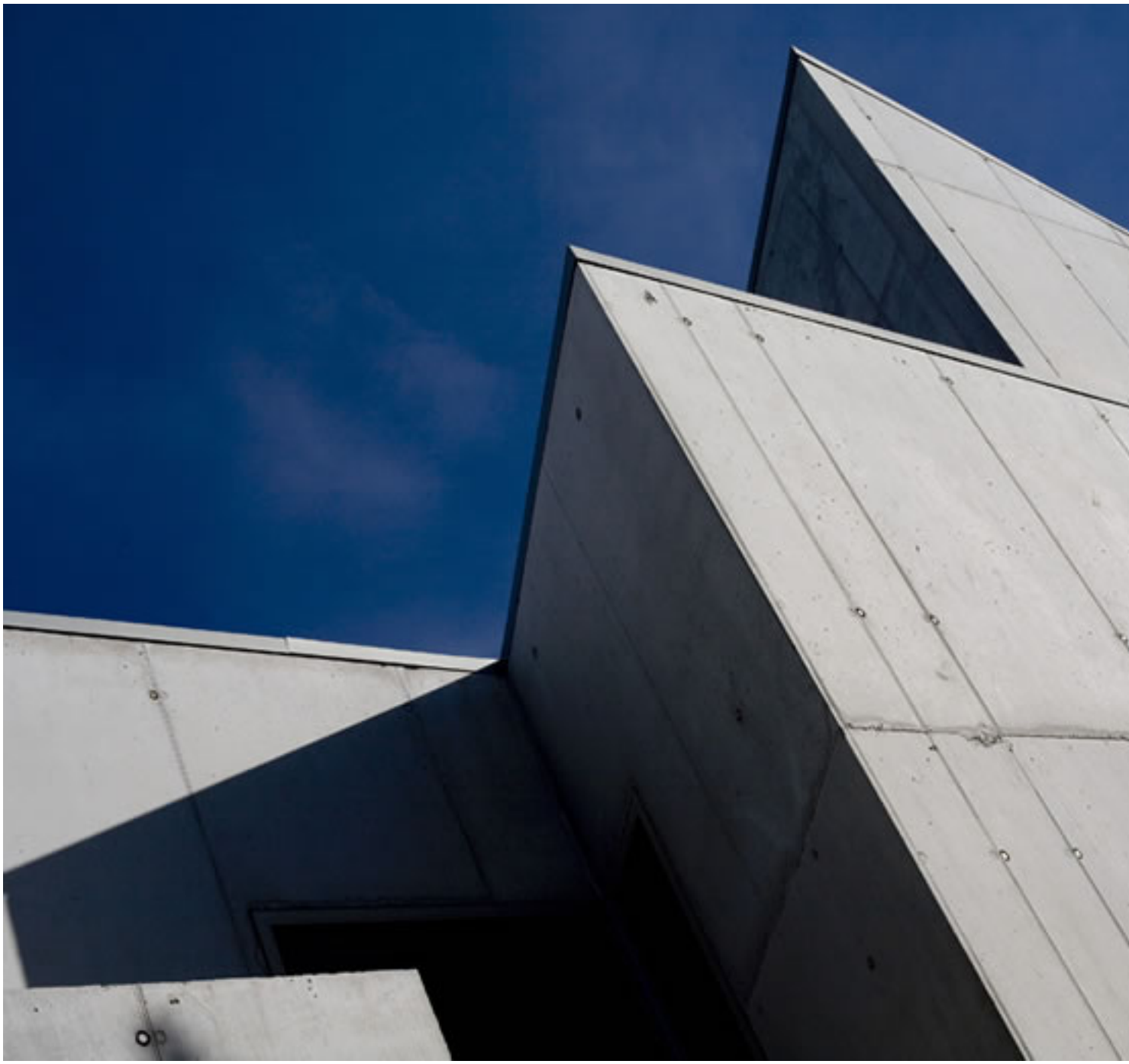
First Floor

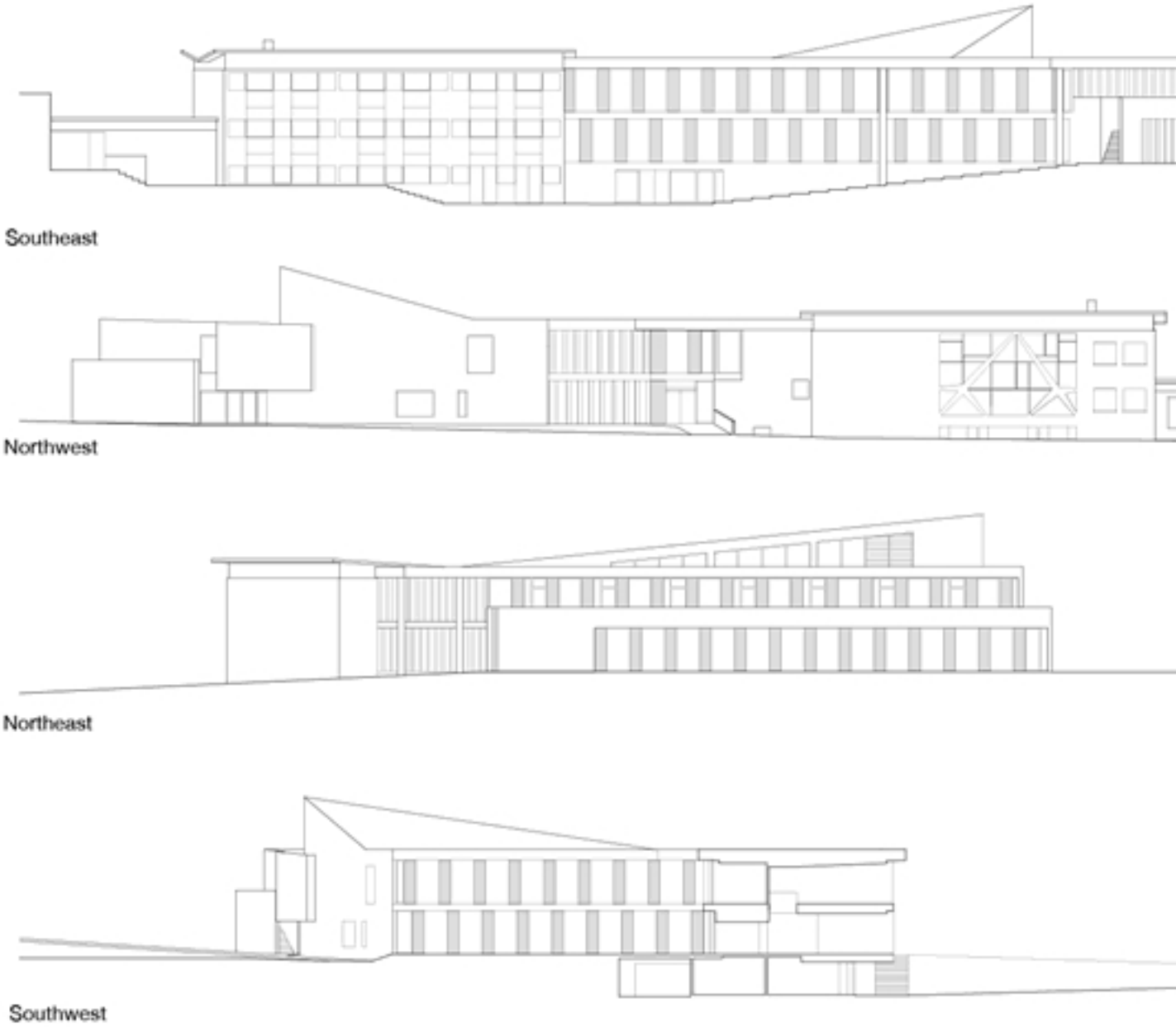
Floor Plans

The new extension is founded on the principles of open schooling. The building is centred on a double-height hall surrounded on the lower floor by library, music, kitchen and administration areas and teaching zones for the youngest and middle age groups on the upper.

Divisions between areas are minimized and if necessary are of glass or movable partitions. A grand stair connects the hall to the upper level and this can be used either as an audience platform or a stage.

As a consequence of the deep plan the periphery is predominately glazed with full height windows interspersed with attenuated grilles. The exception is the more massive, fair-faced concrete, north façade due to the proximity of the noisy Skeidavogs road. The heart of the building receives additional daylight through the clearstory windows in the hall.





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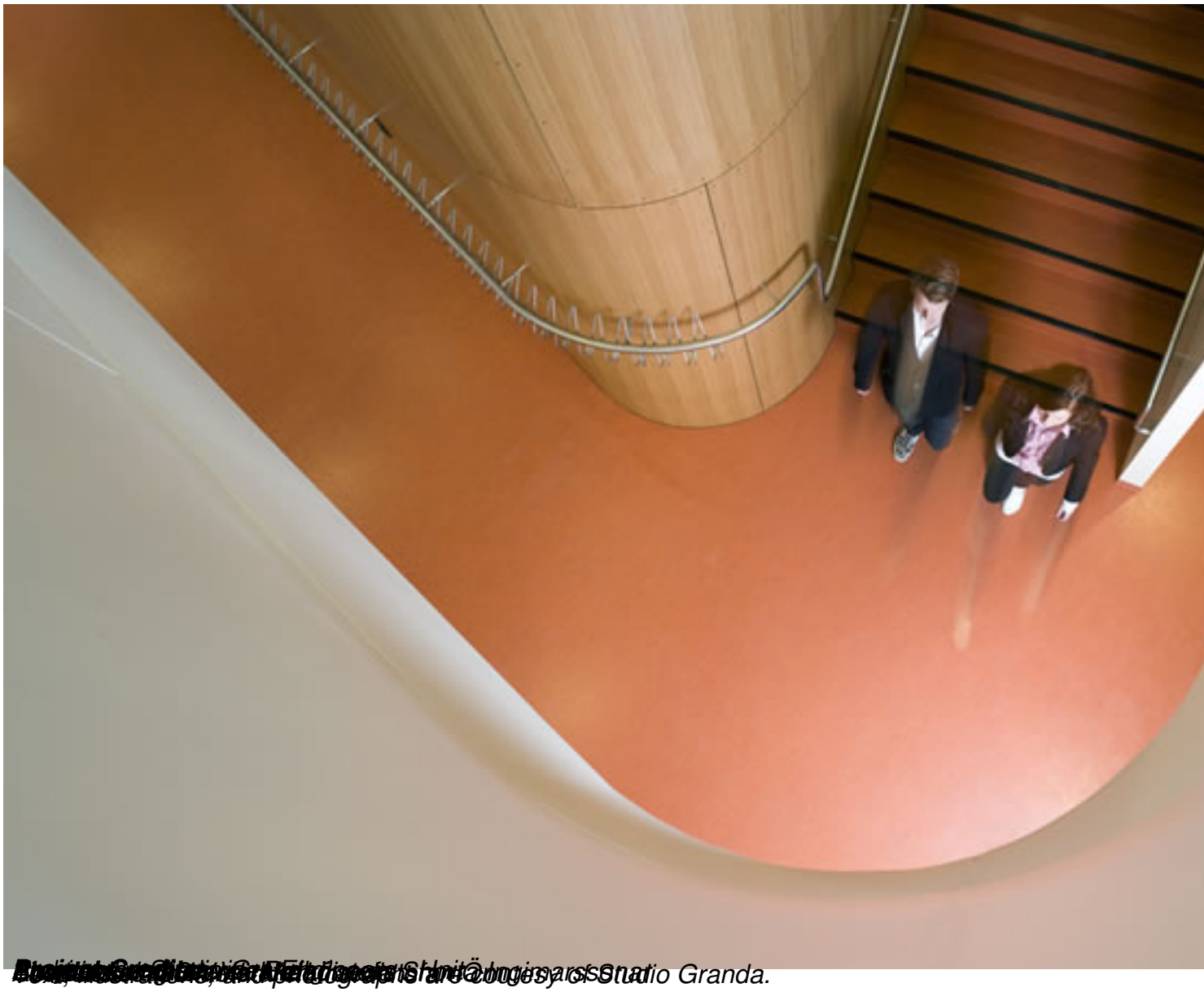

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