

a casual collection

The carefully designed merger of a library and canteen, on a gradient favouring the discursive environment intrinsic to the latter - in the hope of encouraging the student's interactions with knowledge in the former. This merger becomes a synthesis, as users associate the collection of food with the collection of knowledge - relegating it to a casual exchange in which the primary school children feel comfortable. This replacement of 'work' with 'play' is further enhanced in the freedom which the users have to interact with their space, allowing them to manipulate it to suit their needs. The canopy structure serves to shelter 100sqm of the terrace, allowing for a raised platform which would set the stage for discussion and information exchange. Acting as a trigger below the canopy, a 20sqm kitchen enclosed by bookshelves will instigate the creation of a node about which innovation may occur. Nurturing a strong link with the surrounding environment, embodied in a skin which respects local traditions and building methods.



