



View of Courtyard

Pakuranga Children's Health Camp

The Pakuranga Children's Health Camp is one of seven health camps throughout New Zealand. The Camp mission rests upon improving child and family/whanau health in New Zealand through the provision of residential and community based services.

The facilities required included a school, a residential and recreation building for children, accommodation for parents, and an administration building. In responding to the brief three fundamental relationships had to be addressed; that of the buildings with their site, the buildings with each other, and the complex as a whole with its maritime suburban context. An overarching concern was to produce buildings that meet the needs of an institution without declaring themselves to be 'institutional' buildings.

The buildings were designed with low linear building forms that follow the site contours, with a central courtyard providing a pivotal link between the separate building elements.

The Camp is approached from above, its scale is comprehensible and its appearance is welcoming.

Children are encouraged to walk in and filter down the site, occupy its spaces and make them, for a few weeks, their own.

Project Details

Client: Te Puna Whaiora - Children's Health Camp
 Location: Auckland, New Zealand
 Approx. Value: \$4.5m
 Floor Area: 5000m²
 Completed: 2003

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Awards

NZIA - Resene NZ Award for Architecture 2004