

ECOLÉ DES TROIS-SOLEILS

Project	Ecole Des Trois Soleils
Location	Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada
Service	Full A/E Services
Process	Design/Bid/Build
Value	\$5M CAD
Status	Completed 2002

Initially conceived to house the local French education program, Ecolé des Trois-Soleils in Iqaluit, Nunavut is ultimately a community building. It encompasses four primary functions including teaching areas, an administrative / public central core, a daycare and community services.

Programmatically, the teaching area includes seven classrooms shared by students from the pre-school level up to grade nine. The community area, to be used at night by the French Community, offers a library, a computer room and a large community assembly room. The central administrative core acts as the main entrance of the building and is used as an orienting crossroad between the teaching and community zones. It opens onto a generously lit lobby that over looks the bay. The independent daycare, designed to accommodate 15 children, is located at the east end of the facility with a dedicated entrance.

Architecturally, the views, the quality of light and space, the clarity and simplicity of the design dictate the overall character of this facility. The rooflines allow southern light to be directly brought into the rooms located on the north side of the building. A series of exterior and interior clearstory windows are integrated in the walls of the main corridor to act as the spine of the building.



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