

## Schools in Montpellier

With indoor patios, nursery spaces, naturally lit classrooms and a long cantilevered area, Dominique Coulon & Associés designed a colorful group of schools in Montpellier connected with each other.

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The school unit designed by Dominique Coulon & Associés is part of Montpellier's program for development, in order to connect the city to the sea. The school is set on a small triangular plot of land, within the urban policy for building up a new residential area.



Dominique Coulon & Associés, André Malraux group of schools in Montpellier, 2015

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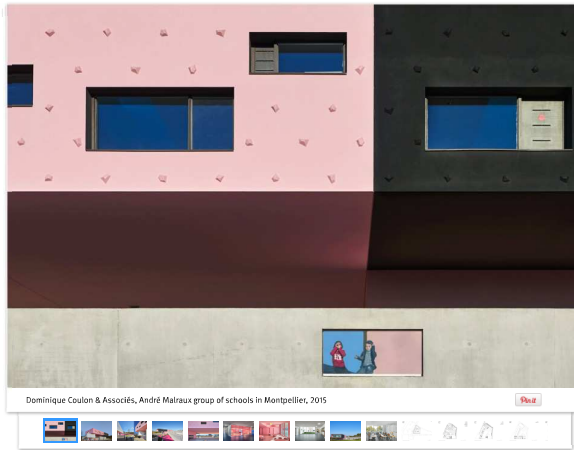
The ground floor is taken up by the nursery school and the centre for pre and after school activities. The primary school occupies the second two floors, with a playground on top of the nursery school. The volumes are designed as autonomous elements which appear to slide over each other, with a cantilevering that provides a covered space for the playground. Each volume is colored in a different way and the bays have been designed according to their orientation and the level of light required.



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Transit routes receive natural lighting from the patios and tall openings. The first floor classrooms can be accessed directly from the playground, without having to pass through the rest of the building, and are open at each end, facing both north and



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**Cient:** ville de montpellier

**Structural engineering:** Batiserf Ingénierie

**Mechanical plumbing engineering:** Solares Bauen

**Electrical engineering:** BET G.Jost

**Acoustics:** Euro sound project

**Landscap:** Bruno Kubler

**Main contractors:** BEC Construction, Franki Fondations, CIM Massol, Soprema, Mistral fenêtres, Iso Therm Habitat, Serrurerie Delmas, Colas, Pousse Clanet, Ducrot, Société Frontignanaise de plâtrerie, SPC, Art et Technique du Bâtiment, Entreprise Languedoc Chantier, CFA Compagnie Française d'Ascenseurs, SPIE Sud Ouest, Temperia

**Area:** 3,444 sqm

**Cost:** 7,300,000 €

**Completion:** 2015

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