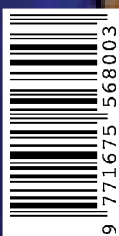


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# International School of Penang, Uplands

(ARCHITECT'S STATEMENT)

► The International School of Penang, Uplands is a cosmopolitan school providing elementary and secondary school education for children of expatriates working in Penang and around the region. Established in Penang in 1955, the school was also known as Uplands as it was originally located on Penang Hill.

The school had been operating at Kelawei Road next to Gurney Drive since 1978. When the land owners sold the land for development, the school had no alternative but to relocate from its premises. The new campus is now located at 2A Jalan Sungai Satu, Batu Ferringhi and, although situated some-

what inland, affords sweeping views of the sea.

The tight 4-acre site with sloping terrain presented a challenge for the architects in accommodating the requirements of the school – the football field took up a quarter of the site and then there was always the ubiquitous car parking



Aerial view of the courtyard



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and vehicular circulation needs besides the usual setbacks to meet. A school is always a place where ingenious uses will be found for every nook and cranny. In this sense, the architects recognise that the space between the buildings is as important as the buildings themselves. Another key to the design of the school was to make the spaces flexible and multi functional as curriculums change and teachers have different requirements from time to time. A greater challenge for the architects was coming up with a design within a tight budget that would encourage interaction and offer inspiration to the students using it.


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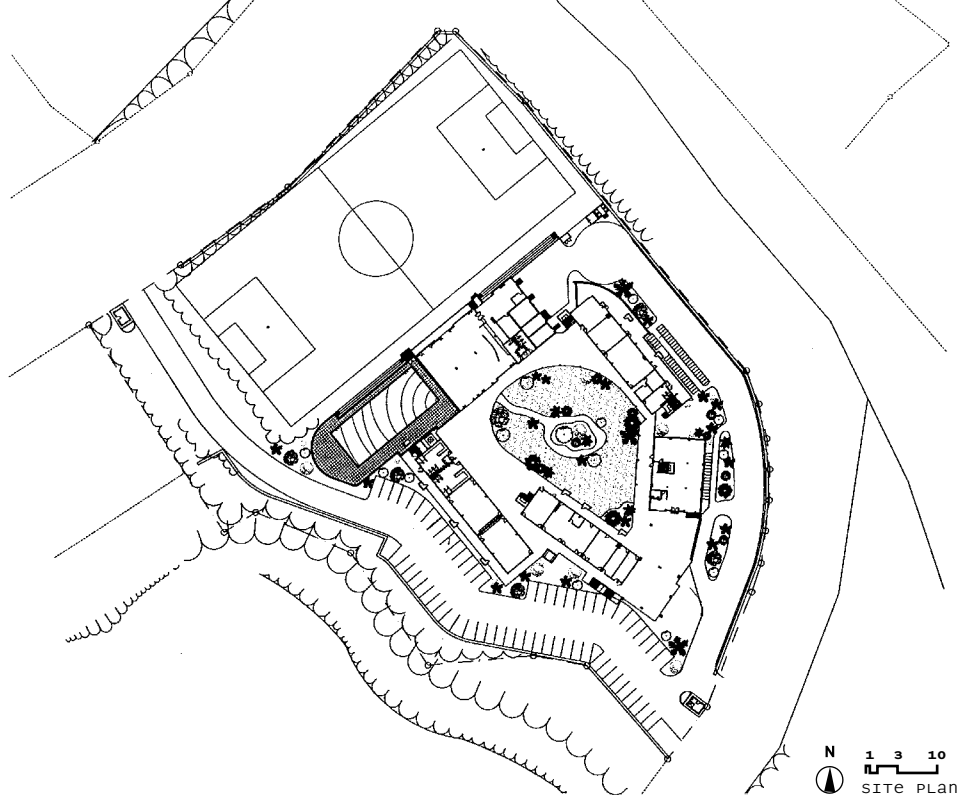
the Batu Ferringhi campus – a 2-storey administration block, a 2-storey multi purpose hall, a 4-storey primary block and a 4-storey secondary block. To create a focus for the school, the buildings are pivoted and centered off a central courtyard. This courtyard allows the school to use it for outdoor teaching as well as al-fresco performances. All the buildings save for the administration block are connected at the first floor. The main drop-off space is at a large covered open space beside the administration block. This "super verandah" acts as a welcoming space for official events, a covered play area, and a gathering space for students awaiting their trans-

port during rainy days. It also provides teachers with an opportunity to monitor the security and safety of the students from the administration building.

The multi purpose hall houses the cafeteria at the ground level and an indoor playing hall at the first level. A swimming pool, located next to the cafeteria, was provided with a generous deck to allow for pool side gatherings and functions. The cafeteria was also designed with terrace seating for spectators to watch events on the football field.

The primary and secondary blocks are where the classrooms are located. The end wing of the secondary block

is given special prominence as this is where the Library and I.T. labs are located. Staircases, located at the end of the blocks, primarily because of escape and circulation requirements are expressively detailed. The lift core is purposely accentuated to resemble a medieval campanile overlooking a piazza. Aluminum louvres, primarily required to hide the air conditioning units, are designed to fit in with the façade treatment of the buildings. 



- 1 View of the secondary block and covered entrance
- 2 View of the secondary block: covered area
- 3 View of the secondary block from the central courtyard
- 4 View of the secondary block
- 5 Secondary block
- 6 View of the staircase, primary block

