

## Schools of Tomorrow - Merksem

### Project Details

#### Activities

Buildings  
Education  
Integral projects  
Design & Build

#### Contractors

Willemen Construct

#### Location

Terlindenhofstraat 206-220  
2170 Merksem Belgium  
Antwerpen BE

#### Client

Scholen van Morgen

#### Price

€3.100.000

#### Architects

Geurst & Schulze Architecten

#### Temporary partnership

Willemen General Contractor, Cordeel

#### Surface area above ground

1 900m<sup>2</sup>

#### Construction period

1 year 4 months

#### Start work

10-2015

#### End of work

02-2017



A new building was constructed for Vrije Basisschool Virgo Maria for the kindergarten and the first year of primary school. Taking into account the strict planning requirements (part of the site is designated as a green zone and therefore could not be built on), the specific characteristics of the site (elongated, with subterranean masses) and the school's desire for a compact building, the new building was constructed on the site of the existing building. A multifunctional hall is located in the centre of the building and forms the heart of the school around which the different clusters are arranged. The clusters are always formed by the two or three classes of this age group and have a common corridor which can be used as a learning area. In addition, the building contains a dormitory, a management area, care rooms and a teachers' room. On the north side, the new building is one storey; on the south side, it is two storeys high. The roof slopes from south to north, giving the classrooms a variable height. On the north side of the building there are private gardens near the kindergarten classrooms, and on the south side a large green area has been created as a playground.

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