

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary Early Child Care Center



Terrace image

In this relaxing terrace, children's parents enjoy talking by watching their children playing in the flat field.



Early walker classroom

It's located to the north of the building to receive a stable soft sunlight from the north avoiding the strong of the sun coming from the south. The children can access to the outside flat filed from here.



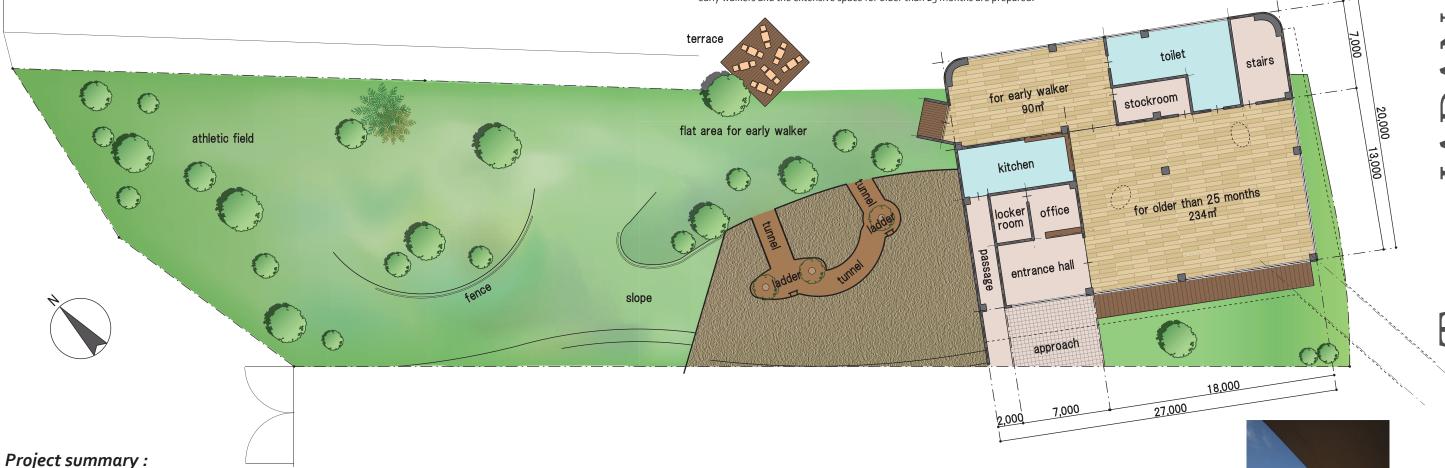
Classroom image

Woodies used generously in the interior gives a warm feel of natural material to this space. In this environment children can learn that things can last long if it's treated with caution and also be damaged if it's treated roughly so that this space is helpful for instilling good living habits in children. The space moderately surrounded to give the sense of security for early walkers and the extensive space for older than 25 months are prepared.



Top-light image

Top-light space serves not only to receive the daylight and ventilation but also to allow the children to look down from the upper side of the top-light.



As it's a two-storied building project, the school main functions are collected in the ground floor of which part of the rooftop is greening. This design helps not only for the global warming control but also for the utility cost control as well as the stabilization of the indoor thermal environment. Through the access to the greening rooftop area from the smooth slope built by embankment up to the first floor level from the ground, the building becomes like one hill and fits in with this place richly endowed with nature. Moreover, such slope should be the excellent field to stimulate the children's boundless curiosity.

Since the level of the first floor of the building is made as same level of the greening rooftop area, the greening outdoor space and the indoor space on the first floor will be utilized integrally; such a greening rooftop area can become like a stage and can also become a field. Above all, the major role of this area is to enable the children access directly to the Sanctuary from this level. Without passing through the pathway and the entrance to the Sanctuary thanks to the connection of the sky walker, they can enjoy the benefit of the Sanctuary' s natural environment any time. This will become the unique educational environment and will be the kindergarten that everybody envies. Such sky walker will exert far-reaching effects also upon the Sanctuary; it enables the passerby on the sky walker to observe the ecology of the Koala living on a tree at a short distance. This independent unique sky walker will help to increase the visitors to the Sanctuary.



Wooddeck image



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Athletic field image

The field harnesses the existing difference in height and the timber in order not to destroy the current environment as much as we can and also to utilize them as they are now.





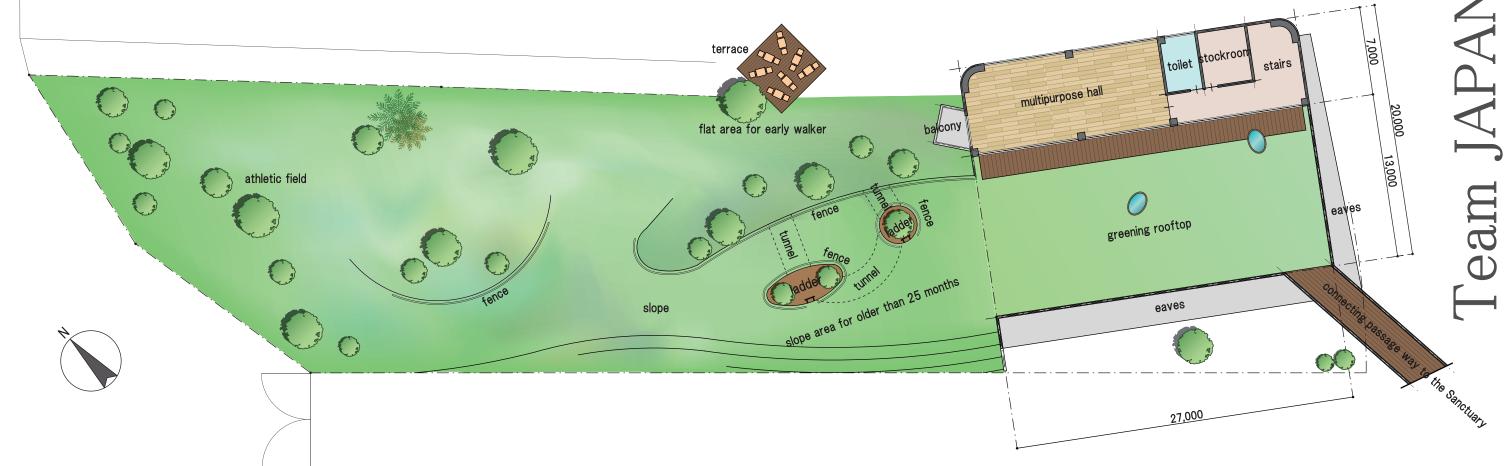
Slope image

This smooth slope has the helpful effect to make the building seems to be like one hill. Thanks to this unique banking construction of the slope, this slope will be the best playing filed for the children.



Multipurpose hall

Though the hall is usually a playground for the children, it can be used for multiple purposes such as an exchange with the local community members and an event of the kindergarten used together with the greening rooftop area of the building.



Tunnel & ladder

Some tunnels are built under the slope around the existing timber during banking construction of the slope. As soon as climbing down from the slope by a ladder, there is a secret playground that arouses profoundly children's curiosity.

Top-light

You can look down the classroom from the towering top-light on a hill.

Besides, such soaring shape of the top-light could bring our mind back to what the name of Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary derives from.



Connecting passage way image

Sky walkway reaching to the Sanctuary brings both natural and educational environment that you cannot find in any other place.