The new class building of the Viège/Visp College of Further Education transforms the surrounding area and enables the linking of the neighbourhood’s schools, the creation of a training campus, and the integration of future workshops and gyms.

The old school playground becomes a public space of the campus.

The new building’s composition of volumes takes its cue from that of schools in the area: its dissected density facilitates its progression from a two-level volume to one of five levels. The typology references that of buildings built in the 1980s with its central distribution hall, yet radicalizes it into a plan featuring three strata, the central layer serving both as distributive and group-work space. The transparency of the lightweight partitions allows this space to benefit from natural light.

This typology has an inevitable impact on the pedagogical concept.

The materiality of the exterior confirms the volumetric character – the mirror-finish stainless steel frames of the glazing and the bare aluminum cladding applied to the section cut away from the quadrilateral base.

The fragmentation of the reflections created by the bevelling of the façades generates a new context.

The use of materials within the building is confined to the bare load-bearing concrete and the aluminum combined with the coloured glass of the lightweight partitions, which are finished in various shades of green.