

MARIN ACADEMY LIBRARY AND STUDENT SERVICES

SAN RAFAEL, CA



Project Description

Marin Academy is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory high school, located twelve miles north of San Francisco. Starkweather Bondy Architects are retrofitting an historic administration building on the campus and flanking it with a new library and classroom building.

CMG is designing the framed courtyard spaces created by the buildings. One of the greatest opportunities and challenges of the site is a large heritage Valley Oak tree, which becomes the focal point of the lower garden court. To protect the root system of this magnificent tree, we cantilevered the handicap access ramp over the root zone, making the ramp one of the primary design moves in the space.

Simple, elegant and durable spaces provide a variety of programmed spaces for students, including a cafe lunch environment, small and large-scaled gathering spaces, and a tranquil oak garden with a drought-tolerant, native plant understory.

Client

Marin Academy

Architect

Starkweather Bondy Architects

