

Private Residence, South Yarra, Melbourne, 2009



This modern courtyard softens the adjacent streetscape

The brief was to create a modern courtyard that flowed seamlessly from inside to out. A landscape with a strong statement was to be created that matched the existing architecture and also included a low maintenance garden, two water features and a functional entertaining area complete with a barbecue.

The landscape has been designed to provide each room with its own feature area, with personal seats for the bedrooms. In the enclosed courtyard, the sound of the water trough drums out the street noises, providing an intimate space in this inner city location.

Planters were installed that could house substantial foliage. A variety of plants such as Star Jasmine, Honey Locust, Weeping Fig, Bush Lily, Giant Bird of Paradise and Japanese Maple were planted to create a lush garden with attention to seasonal change and foliage texture.

This once lifeless courtyard has been transformed into a lush haven to escape to, providing intimate and tranquil spaces for relaxation and privacy, whilst remaining modern, functional and stylish.



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Courtyard with personal seats for the bedrooms.