Modern classic

A family-friendly, stylish outdoor design was the top priority for the owners of this home in Sydney's suburb of Rose Bay

Balancing the needs of both children and adults can be difficult and the brief here was to create a classic-inspired space with an emphasis on simplicity and modern, clean lines that the whole family could enjoy.

Landart Landscapes has created several outdoor areas perfectly suited to the modern family lifestyle. Here, children can roam free and play in an open, single-level garden while adults can relax in their own entertaining areas at the same time.

High borders of walls and trees lead the eye through the garden and the toughened glass used in the shelter provides additional sunlight into the internal living areas.

A tumbled travertine tile by Eco Outdoor was used in the entertaining area, reinforcing the classic style brought to life in a new modern format. A large-format travertine tile was also used on the benchtop in the outdoor kitchen, providing a contrast to the surrounding clean lines of the cabinetry and softening the overall look.

The rendered wall running along the bench and boundary guides into the depths of the garden and into the pool area. The planting gives height and depth to the garden while keeping it low-maintenance and the expansive lawn areas provide somewhere for the children to play away from the main entertaining area. A combination of informal planting paired with shaped boxes and balls gives this garden some classic style cues while retaining a relaxed, modern feel.

From the meals area, the open lawn gives a distinct feeling of spaciousness and the pool provides a stunning view line, helped in part by the glass pool fence, which visually opens up the garden space for the whole family to enjoy.

There is no doubt that this garden has achieved an enviable balance between the necessary practicality of a family space and stylish design built for adult entertaining.

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