

Permanent Holiday

With outstanding views of the Glasshouse Mountains on one side, and out over the ocean on the other, this site on Queensland's Sunshine Coast hosts an impressive new home by Soul Space that uses the steep landscape to full advantage, exploiting every possible view.







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The house has been designed to make a distinctive sculptural statement from the street, with a striking façade alluding to an impressive interior. Though the home is stretched along the streetscape – so as to make maximum use of the rear views – careful window placement and aluminium slat screens ensure that privacy is maintained, while still allowing an abundance of natural light to flood in. The stepped roofs above break down the façade into smaller components.

After descending a stepped timber boardwalk, past the manicured garden and tranquil water features, a hefty front door opens to a timber stairway, which then ascends towards the central living area. Representing a distinctly modern aesthetic with its clean lines, the home's entry is defined by limestone blade walls that create a beautiful textural experience.

This central, two-storey entryway acts as a divider between the private and communal sections of the home, featuring walls of glass that look out over the pool - the focal point of the house. Given the pool's important role in the overall design and the need for integration with the neighbouring architecture, it was necessary to raise it some 5 metres off the ground. The additional cost of doing so was offset by the stunning views that the pool area enjoys as a result. To complete the composition, raised planting beds are arranged beside the space, which help to soften the landscape and compliment the overall court area.

This home accommodates a family, plus guests, with all the modern perks one would expect, including an enviable media room that slopes downwards, just like a real theatre. Focusing on interconnected design, a sleek, white kitchen opens to a comfortable lounge area, which in turn spills out to the alfresco deck overlooking the pool and breathtaking views. A built-in outdoor kitchen allows for a complete exterior entertaining experience. Intimate dinner parties can be held in the cooler months in front of the gas fire in the dining area.

Paul Hindes and Soul Space Design have captured the essence of a holiday in this design, giving their sea-changing clients an allyear-round sensation of vacationing.

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