



Smart Design

This kitchen, renovated by Sublime Architectural Interiors, has ticked all the boxes for this busy family of four.

From the very first visit to the clients it was clear to Kim Duffin of Sublime Architectural Interiors that what was needed was more bench space, more storage and a better workflow area than their current kitchen provided. It was a typical closed in u-shape space with a small dining area. Not an inch of bench could be seen. With the clients wanting to embark on the full renovation and modernisation of their home, they had decided to tackle the kitchen first.

This tech-savvy family needed to incorporate their much used smart television into the design. Using their smart phones to access the TV to find the latest recipes, watch morning or afternoon television, sharing photographs from their day and catching up on current affairs is all an integral part of their day. As a result the television needed to be in a position where it could be easily seen from all areas of the kitchen but not be the main feature of the space. Embedding it in the end wall made it visible yet invisible to those entering the kitchen.



A Caesarstone island provides an element of sophistication to the room and the granite tabletop featured at the end of the island was selected by the clients and provides an informal zone for dining and catching up. The top is supported by one mirror finished square post. This finish gives the illusion that the top is 'floating' and keeps the space light and free flowing.

A large built-in cupboard was included to provide the family with additional storage. To help tie this into the kitchen, Sublime decided to create a design using the same colour as the cabinetry above the stove (Dulux Porpoise Place). A graphic was digitally printed onto the frameless glass doors, and carefully placed so as to not be interrupted by the finger pull detail required to open the doors.

The plumbing was relocated to enable the sink to be moved to its new location in the island and additional power supplies to the island bench were brought through conduit that was laid in newly created trenches into the concrete slab.

With the only window to the new space facing south, capturing natural light was another important function to fulfil in the design. The small existing window, awkwardly placed in the back wall of the existing space, was, after consultation with an engineer, repositioned and increased in size to provide a portal to the natural light.

Having access to good cross ventilation was another important inclusion. Kim introduced retractable bladed fans that were also very stylish lights. These lights complement the light and provide a simple, uncluttered solution.

Like any renovation, transforming the space is always a given, however creating a place that a busy family can rely on as the point where they all come together is the end goal every designer dreams of. This family now has a space that is sophisticated, uncluttered and suited to how they enjoy their time together.



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