



The intricacy of the detail is balanced with an overall simplicity that complements the home's small scale.

Expressing the emphasis on joinery as a catalyst for the new, the gesture of the unique stair that sits both sculptural and functional epitomises this notion. The transitional element allows for an additional sleeping, study or retreat space to be elevated above the mid-section. Describing this configuration, Stephanie says, “as the terrace steps down to match the slope of the backyard, the internal gradual stepping then allows for an on-grade connection to the rear, subtly increasing the internal volume and optimising the original height and proportions of the home.” The new spaces are then bound through shared principles of restraint, robustness and an ingrained warmth of materiality.

Underpinned by simplicity, Brunswick House embodies timelessness and stillness. The controlled use of tactile and textural brick, tile and timber crafts intimate connections between building and inhabitant, as Placement carefully navigates the site whilst bathing spaces in natural light. With a dappled softness, the efficient interior opens generously to the prized rear sanctuary garden space and creates a protective cocooning effect, at once contemporary and familiar.