

A family home combines the best of a number of design features



The outdoor kitchen overlooks the below-ground pool.

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John and Denise Pinto had in mind exactly the kind of home they wanted to build for their family. Mrs Pinto had been collecting cuttings from magazines and putting them together, so she figures she has incorporated the best features of several homes.

The colonial style with its bullnose veranda, gables and finials gives it a contemporary Australian street presence. Inside, space has been used to a premium, with big rooms and a huge open-plan kitchen and entertaining area.

With three children aged from 10 to 14, the Pintos have created a home the family can grow into and enjoy. "There's nothing here I don't like," Mrs Pinto said.

"It was great having a small builder; Mulvay Builders were really hands on and it only took six months, with some help from John (a plumber) and his painter brother!"

At the front of the home, off a central hallway, is a study with built-in cupboards. On the opposite side of the hall is a

purpose-built home theatre.

The main bedroom has walk-in robes and a fully tiled ensuite with twin, semi-recessed vanity, a shower and separate toilet.

At the heart of the home is the expansive family dining and living area with floating timber floors. The oversized kitchen, boasting every convenience, overlooks an open games room, a dedicated dining space and living areas that flow outside to the pool and garden. A long, wide kitchen bench defines the area and is a gathering point for entertaining.

The entertaining flow continues through wide sliding doors to a timber deck under a pitched, cedar-lined roof and an outdoor kitchen in stone and timber. It overlooks the below-ground pool and waterwall.

A block size of 1162sqm allows for a lawn area behind the pool wall. A separate corridor houses the kids' zone — three bedrooms with robes, a big, tiled family bathroom and a laundry.

This home was an entrant in the 2007 HIA-ANZ Housing Awards.

