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Tip the scale

There's a certain liberation that comes with your children growing older and the owners of this Melbourne home expressed theirs by treating themselves to a gloriously grown-up living room makeover. Beneath a soaring 6.8m ceiling, interior designer Aaron Wong has zoned the space cleverly. Curvaceous sofas rest upon a custom-made ivory and black rug, softening the right angles in the room. Peripheral seating and a hutch help to balance the generous room and an irreverent portrait hangs over the fire, reinforcing the adults-only theme. "My clients love the crisp look of a tuxedo and I've translated this aesthetic for them," says Aaron.

Stage presence

Designed for a Melbourne family's teenage daughters, this bathroom has an out-of-the-box design. The physical limitations of the space inspired architect Rosa Coy to push the space out through an external wall; from outside it presents as a timber-clad box cantilevered over the garden. Inside, the layout is masterfully stage-managed. The plinth and dramatic marble wrap give the bath superstar status. Sun beams through the new skylight while understated tapware and a storage niche play supporting roles. The bath tray, made from an old cedar window, was a gift for the client from the project carpenter.

Room notes

11 'La Perla' velvet sofas, 'Las Palmas' silver-plated floor lamps and 'Marlowe' lucite stools with sheepskin seats, all James Said. 'T Flex' tables, Cromwell. Casamance 'Kanso' sheer curtains, Zepel Fabrics. Walls painted Dulux Lexicon Quarter.

Room notes
12 Elba marble tiles,
Artedomus. Kaldewei 'Vaio'
freestanding bath, Reece.
'Vola' floor-mounted bath filler.
Towel rail, Madinoz. Muuto
'Around' side table, Luke
Furniture. Bath tray by David
Barnes of Blake Built.

