

WHOLE HEARTED

Outwardly, this Sydney property ticked every box. Inside? Not so much. But thanks to a complete interior revamp, this beautiful home really does have it all...

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KITCHEN Island benchtop and splashback in Calacatta Vagli marble, Worldstone. Wall-side bench in Cartaprieta SuperWhite 13 stone composite, Stone Italiana. Joinery finished in Murobond Paints Nero (main); Axolotl Treasury Bronze (above wall-side bench) and Dulux Namadji (side panels in nook). Joinery by Debrich Custom Joinery. Yokato mixer tap, Brodware. Boiling/filtered water tap, Zip. Wolf cooktop and double oven, available from Winning Appliances. Fridge, Sub-Zero. Beetle stools, Ownworld. Oliver pendant light by SJS Interior Design, made by Artifex Interiors. Oro Luce limestone floor tiles, STS Stone. Outdoor dining table and chairs, Gosh Living.



The moment Camille set eyes on this grand five-bedroom, four-bathroom home, located on Sydney's North Shore, in mid-2018 she knew it was the one. "I fell in love with its tree-lined driveway, huge garden and the fact it had plenty of separate spaces for my teenagers," she says. But best of all was its northerly orientation - there's an abundance of light all day. "I saw it on Wednesday, made an offer on Thursday and exchanged contracts on Friday - the day before the house went to auction," she says. Shortly after, Camille, her daughter Veronique, 21, sons Marc, 19, and Anthony, 17, their spoodle Buddy and cats Stevie and Blackie moved in.

While the setting, grounds and generous room sizes ticked every box, the house hadn't been renovated in the 30-odd years since it had been built - and it showed. A characterless sea of beige, it had low ceilings and a kitchen and bathrooms that had seen better days. And while the property boasted a fabulous pool and a spacious alfresco entertaining space, connection with the interior of the home was lacking.

"I wanted the home to feel modern and sophisticated - a space where everyone could relax and enjoy spending time together," says Camille. "I was keen to open up the closed-off kitchen, dining and living areas and for the indoors and outdoors to merge effortlessly. It was also important to have separate zones for teenagers and adults."

Camille enlisted architect Annabelle Chapman to open up the entire north side of the home to the terrace with huge sliding doors, and to transform the dated outdoor space into a stunning, multifunctional area complete with a pergola with operable louvres that shelters a dining area and cosy seating zone, plus an outdoor kitchen and built-in seating. Annabelle also reworked the kitchen, dining and living areas, including cavity sliders so the spaces could be connected or closed off as needed. New skylights on the upper level flood the home with natural light.

"Annabelle created all these amazing social spaces where Camille and her children can come together, and private areas where they can retreat and relax," says Sarah Marriott, principal at SJS Interior Design, who was tasked with designing the joinery and detailing throughout, and bringing the new-look home to life through the use of colour, furniture and smart finishes.

"Camille had been dreaming of this home for a long time and had seen many things she loved on her travels, so our task was to ►



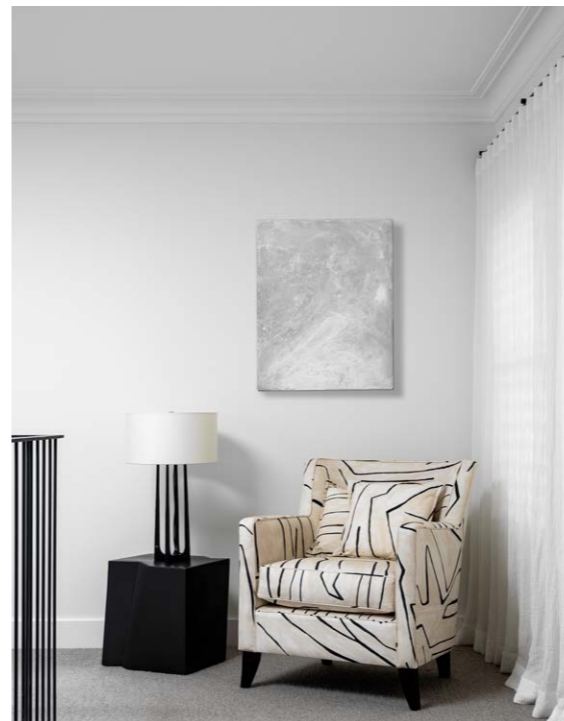
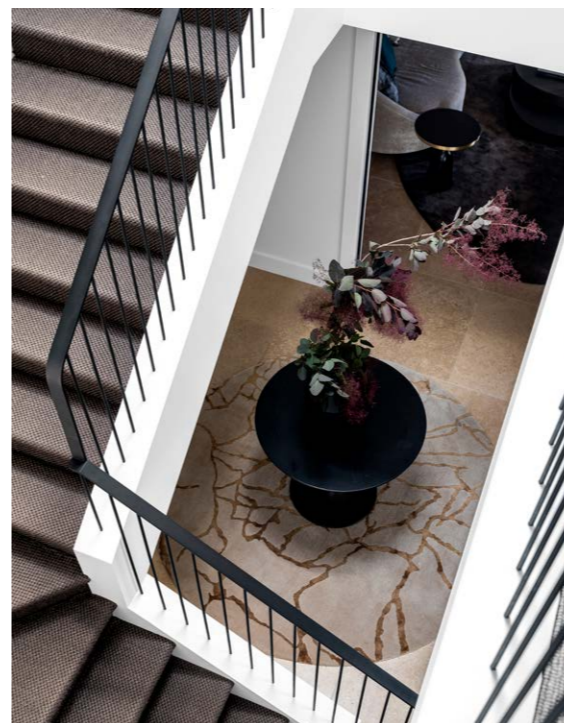
"EVERY SPACE IN THIS HOUSE HAS ONE INCREDIBLE FEATURE PIECE - VERY OFTEN MARBLE!"
Sarah Marriott, interior designer

DINING Top Artwork by Robert Dickerson. Archer dining table designed by SJS Interior Design, made by Artifex Interiors. Tori chairs, Ownworld. Tinto pendant light, Spence & Lyda. Rug, Armadillo. **LIVING** Bottom and opposite Painting by Eduardo Santos. Totem sculptures by Odette Ireland, Curatorial+Co. Saba Italia 'Pixel' sofa, Ideare. Jewel timber coffee table, Zuster. Millie coffee table with marble top designed by SJS Interior Design, made by Artifex Interiors. Custom cushions. Pop bowl by Kelly Wearstler. Bloomingville 'Mashel' candlestick, French Bazaar. Footed platter, Globe West. Fireplace, Escea. Rug designed by SJS Interior Design, The Rug Establishment.

SITTING ROOM Buddy the spoodle in Camille's favourite space. The marble fireplace is an original feature. Halo pendant light, Christopher Boots. Grasscloth wallpaper in Auro, Porter's Paints. Custom sofa, Octagon Custom Designs. Sapphire swivel armchairs, Zuster. Coffee table designed by SJS Interior Design, made by Guru Projects. Bell side table and Piega mirror, Anibou. Tenero rug, The Rug Establishment. **STAIRWELL** Entry table, SJS Interiors. Rug, The Rug Establishment. Stairs covered in Tuscan Shadow sisal, International Floorcoverings. **MARC'S ROOM** *Opposite top right* Custom bedhead in Unique Fabrics 'Chivasso Bonsai 092' in Grey. Flo table lamp, Life Interiors. Orson bedside table, Globe West. Prestige Carpets Natural Velvet in Appaloosa, Max Lawson Carpets. **MAIN ENSUITE** Hermes marble vanity top and wall panel, Euro Marble. Gully Gum cabinetry, George Fethers & Co. Brodware tapware, Just Bathroomware. Wall tiles, Artedomus. Custom mirrors. **READING NOOK** Artwork by Eduardo Santos. Existing armchair reupholstered in Elliott Clarke 'Graffito'. SIN side table, Ondene. Scala table lamp, Bloomingdales Lighting. ▶



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THE PALETTE

- Dulux
Natural White
Half
(main walls,
throughout)
- Porter's Paints
Wattleseed
(exterior)
- Porter's Paints
Jaguar
(exterior trims)





edit those ideas to create an overall scheme that would feel cohesive. She adores marble, colour and unique details, and has a real passion for that sophisticated Parisian look where you might layer marble with rich timber floors and touches of brass or bronze,” says Sarah.

The kitchen - the social hub of the home - is defined by a show-stopping island clad in Calacatta Vagli marble, with deep purple and blush veining. “We almost didn’t use it as Veronique, who acted as something of a style muse for her mother throughout this project, said it reminded her of varicose veins,” says Sarah, laughing. “But once it was in place, even Veronique loved it. From there, we added a similar marble in a scaled-down version in the nearby powder room for cohesion.”

The sitting room is Camille’s private escape and has something of a playful French salon vibe, complete with a curvaceous velvet sofa and a pair of swivel armchairs. “The marble fireplace was probably the nicest original feature in the house and although it’s grey, which Camille is not a big fan of, we convinced her to keep it. We’ve balanced it out with warm colours in the furniture and a stunning grasscloth wallpaper that has gorgeous gold detailing.” Cavity doors featuring dark-bronze mesh inserts enable Camille to close the room off, while still allowing warmth to flow through to other parts of the house.

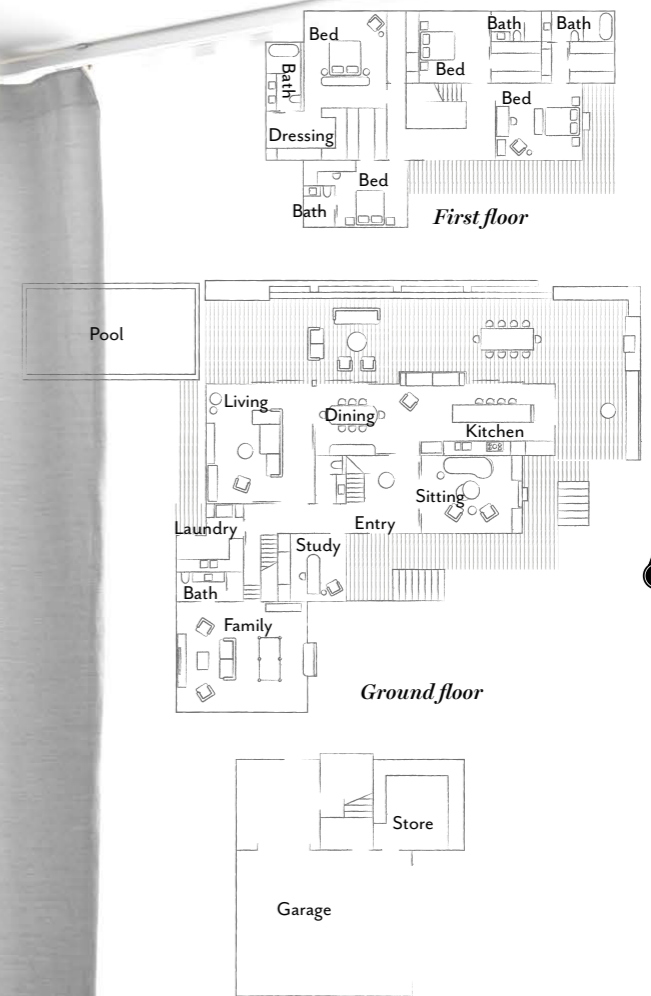
Upstairs, the bedrooms and bathrooms also received an upgrade with fresh colour schemes, finishes and joinery. “Camille sought a calming retreat vibe for the main bedroom suite. So we floated the bed towards the middle of the room, added a built-in linen bedhead, and opened up the wardrobe behind it to create one large, connected space - there’s even shelving for her to display her fabulous collection of designer handbags,” says Sarah. “Textural fabrics in deep rust, terracotta and aubergine speak to her love of colour without being too ‘loud’ for a sleeping zone.”

“Camille is thrilled with the redesign of her home,” says Sarah. “Ultimately, it’s a place where she, her children and their friends want to be, which is exactly what she set out to achieve.”

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MAIN BEDROOM *This page and opposite* Bel mirror, Jordan. Orbit bedside table, Fanuli. Custom bedhead upholstered in Westbury Textiles ‘Avignon Glazed Linen’ in Rye. Double-sided cabinets designed by SJS Interior Design, finished in Gully Gum veneer from George Fethers & Co. Joinery by Debrich Custom Joinery. Code Lighting ‘Xray’ pendant lights, Workshoped. Loafer SC24 chair, Cult Design. Tabletop finished in Hermes marble from Euro Marble. Bedlinen, Hale Mercantile Co. Throw, Shack Palace. Custom double curtains in Westbury Textiles ‘Antique Linen Sheer’ in Ivory and Kvadrat Maharam ‘Relax’ blockout fabric by Kinnasand. Prestige Carpets Natural Velvet in Appaloosa, Max Lawson Carpets.

THE LAYOUT



OUTDOOR LOUNGE Dedon 'Tibbo' sofa and armchairs, Cosh Living, Bitta sofa swing and Geometrics Line rug, both Mobilia. B&B Italia coffee table, Space. Sandstone wall by builder. **POOL AREA** The pool, an existing feature, was one of the property's drawcards. The new barbecue area is a regular haunt on weekends.



THIS IS THE LIFE

"Cooking and making cocktails seem to have become our favourite pastimes since completing the renovation," says Camille. "I tend to do most of the cooking, but Anthony has become quite the barbecue chef. Veronique and her boyfriend are in charge of cocktails and they take their role very seriously with a different drink on offer most weekends. It's a lot of fun. We all start in the kitchen and make our way outside generally to relax by the pool or in the outdoor lounge."



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1 Prometheus I+II pendant lights, from \$6785.90 each, Christopher Boots. 2 Liebherr 'Monolith' 100-bottle triple zone integrated wine fridge, \$16,490, Harvey Norman. 3 Lexi table lamp, \$425, Coco Republic. 4 Classics fringed cushion, \$285, Lucy Montgomery. 5 Byredo 'Suede' hand wash, \$65/450ml, Mecca Cosmetics. 6 Graffito fabric, POA, Kelly Wearstler. 7 Boss armchair, from \$3750, Fanuli. 8 Park Lane side table, \$1920, James Said. For Where to Buy, see page 190. H&G