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A chameleon kitchen for a contemporary family.

The evolution of the kitchen has seen it surpass being just a place for storing, preparing and cooking food, rebranding it rather as the rock around which we eat, work and commune. In the leafy suburbs of Melbourne, this home that stands as an exposition to the arts and crafts movement parades a contemporary, multi-faceted kitchen.

Designed by Kennedy Nolan as an ambivalent space; suitable equally as a place for the family to both disperse within and enjoy together, as it is to wine and dine a large number of friends. The protruding kitchen island and large dining table act to neatly segment the space, creating intimacy while the spacious dimensions offer moving room for overflowing guests. Used also as a space for work; generous surface areas offer room for administration that extends also into an adjoining study nook. The arts and crafts styling continued throughout the house has been expertly followed through by Kennedy Nolan into the kitchen while meeting the functionality of the space. True to theme, the space is a celebration of craftsmanship with refined joinery and strong use of timber that both exposes and attracts attention to the quality of materials and manufacture. Decorative tiles from Patricia Urquiola behind the stove create a mesmerising accent of pattern while rough whipped concrete surface detailing injects depth and further elevates the proudly raw tables and bench top.





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INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR PAVING
Harkaway Bluestone Pavers

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LIGHTING
Artemide Aggregato Saliscendi Suspension
and cone.

FINISHES
Azulej-Mutina glazed porcelain tiles on
splashback, Carrara marble slab on
benchtap, American Oak used for island
bench legs and ledge over joinery, Dulux
paint on joinery in Mangrove Leaf.

FIXED & FITTED
LAX 120 sink by Franke, Five burner
upright cooker and canopy rangehood both
by Blanco, Fully-integrated dishwasher by
Miele, Active Smart Fridge by Fisher &
Paykel, 220mm Squareline Sink Mixer by
Phoenix Tapware supplied by Hecce.