

DESIGNING DISTINCTION: 7 LANDSCAPE GEMS FOR YOUR PRESTIGIOUS NEW BUILD

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1. KERB APPEAL

Your home's first impression begins at the kerb. Don't underestimate the power of an attractive front entry to set the tone for your entire property. A well-designed pathway, adorned with lush foliage and accent lighting, beckons visitors to step inside and discover the rest of your stylish home. Consider incorporating architectural elements such as pergolas, arbours, or statement planters to frame your entryway and create a sense of arrival. Whether it's a charming arbour with climbing vines or a stately doorway flanked by symmetrical landscaping, your front entry is your home's signature statement—a glimpse into the beauty and elegance that awaits within.

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2. FUNCTIONAL ZONES

Beyond aesthetics, your landscape should serve as an extension of your living space, offering functional zones for relaxation, recreation, and entertainment. Consider incorporating cosy seating areas, alfresco dining spots, or even a secluded reading nook amidst lush greenery. By seamlessly blending indoor and outdoor living, you create a dynamic environment where every moment is an invitation to unwind and connect with nature.

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3. SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

In a world increasingly conscious of environmental impact, sustainable landscaping isn't just a trend – it's a responsibility. Embrace eco-friendly practices such as rainwater harvesting, drought-tolerant landscaping, and permeable paving to minimize water consumption and reduce your carbon footprint. By nurturing a sustainable garden, you not only conserve precious resources but also inspire others to tread lightly on the planet.

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4. MICROCLIMATES MAGIC

While South East Queensland enjoys warm weather year-round, microclimates within your property can create pockets of coolness or warmth. Strategically planting trees, shrubs, and vines can moderate temperatures, reduce energy costs, and provide comfortable outdoor spaces for every season. Imagine sipping your morning coffee under the cool shade of a tree canopy, basking in the gentle warmth of filtered sunlight.

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5. STORAGE SOLUTIONS WITH STYLE

Amidst the allure of lush planting, don't forget about the practical necessities of outdoor living. Ensure your landscape design incorporates stylish storage solutions for household essentials like bins, gardening equipment and other household items. Hidden nooks or chic storage sheds can keep clutter at bay while maintaining the sleek aesthetic of your outdoor oasis.

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6. NATIVE BRILLIANCE

Exotic blooms are tempting, but don't overlook the natural beauty of Queensland's native flora. From vibrant bottlebrushes to graceful kangaroo paws, indigenous plants not only thrive in the local climate but also attract native wildlife, fostering a harmonious ecosystem. Blend native species with carefully selected exotics to create a vibrant tapestry of colours, textures, and scents that celebrate Queensland's unique biodiversity and watch your garden come to life.

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7. ARTFUL LIGHTING

As the sun sets over the skyline, don't let your landscape fade into darkness. Thoughtfully designed lighting can transform your outdoor space into a captivating nocturnal wonderland. Whether it's accentuating architectural features, uplighting feature trees, or casting a soft glow along pathways and water features, lighting adds depth and drama to your landscape, extending the allure of your home well into the evening.

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FINAL THOUGHTS

In the realm of luxury living, landscape design is the *pièce de résistance* that elevates your home from mere structure to living masterpiece. By considering these often-overlooked gems in landscape design, you can create an outdoor space that complements your lifestyle, enhances the beauty of your home, and reflects your personality and taste. So, as you embark on the journey of building your dream home, don't forget to give your landscape the attention it deserves—it's the finishing touch that will truly make your house feel like home.

Start by giving your home the prestigious front entry it deserves and download our “First Impressions Front Entry Handbook” now.

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Meet Kate, our creative designer...



Horte Couture is a landscape design studio based in Brisbane's north. We work on private residential projects throughout Brisbane, the Moreton Bay region and the Sunshine Coast.

We combine creative design, horticultural expertise and practical project management skills to create outdoor spaces with timeless appeal.

We design with the local environment and climate in mind and work with the existing natural landscape wherever possible. I love nature and I'm passionate about delivering an outdoor space that clients want to spend time in.

We take a collaborative approach, working with our clients to achieve a garden that gives space to entertain, to relax with family and friends and boosts the health and wellbeing of all residents by connecting them back to the natural world.

Whether your project is large or small, you have a clear plan in mind or you're struggling for ideas, I'd love to hear from you.

Visit www.hortecouture.com or call 0405406481 and let's make your garden the cherry on top of your amazing new home!

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