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## Courtyard Deck house

ZGA Studio

A relaxed, beach-like addition has been added to the existing Spanish Mission house in Hampton. A courtyard deck separates the two and creates an outdoor heart to the dwelling, drawing in natural light and a connection to the outdoor environment.

Located on a leafy coastal site, the existing house has turned its back on a large north-facing garden. As the project is home to a family with three young boys, the brief included a racetrack and native forest in the rear garden, and a home where the kids could drag the outside inside and always have sticky fingers. The house was to be relaxed as a beach house, but flexible for many different uses and stages of family life.

The existing house was largely retained, with a linking passage extending from the old house into the garden. The new addition sits at the end of this, forming a sheltered deck space between the old and new. Sliding glazed doors draw the deck inside, to be used as an extended living space in summer. The addition allows flexibility in the use of spaces, with sliding doors creating zones, and ties to the garden and outdoors from all rooms of the house. The family can inhabit the house in many different ways now, and as the children grow up.

A dining area separates the two wings of the addition, with a combined kitchen and living, and children's bedroom wing on the west. The social areas are 'carved-out' of one fluid space, made distinct by grey hand-painted ceilings, step-downs and sliding doors. Large steps lead down from the dining to a sheltered patio, carefully preserved camellia tree and the garden beyond. The edge of the house forms the fringe of the garden, to be inhabited by the family and gently infiltrated by the garden. [zga.com.au](http://zga.com.au)

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