

materials, such as lightweight polystyrene blocks for the first-floor extension and Colorbond for the roof."

Structural hurdles cleared, Claire, Rodney and Jo set about planning a home that would suit the Piltzes now and well into the future. They came to the conclusion that a first-floor extension was the best solution: with bedrooms relocated upstairs, downstairs could be dedicated to family spaces.

Today, the front door opens to a hallway with parents' retreat, main bedroom suite and wine room to the right; study

and playroom to the left. At the end of the hall is a light-filled open-plan kitchen/dining/living room with views of the pool and newly landscaped garden. Upstairs are the three children's bedrooms, family room and family bathroom.

There's oodles of storage in every room. "The built-in cabinetry was a significant part of the overall cost but it was money well spent - it makes a huge difference to the way we live," says Claire. "Having dedicated space for schoolbags, shoes and coats in the laundry [located behind the kitchen



LIVING Sam and his sisters love spending time in the spacious living room. "It's a wonderful place to sit, read, cuddle the cats [Milo and Frankie] and watch movies," says Claire. Artworks by Jade Piltz (left) and Cathy Quinn. Sofa and floor lamp, Jordan. Hall runner and rug, Armadillo & Co. Coffee tables from a store that has now closed. CS planter (with fiddle-leaf fig), Luke Furniture. Stained Tasmanian oak flooring (throughout). Local hero: Charlie console, \$1070, Temperature Design.