



# Bathroom takeover

Texturally complex yet calm and tranquil, this renovated Melbourne bathroom is sublime

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**G**rab your towel and pop on your shower cap as we step inside this Rosstang Architects-designed and Henry Netherway-built family bathroom.

Like a forgotten rock star from the '80s, the previous bathroom was unloved, dark and dated. The irregular floor plan was topped by a relatively low 2.4m ceiling height. The new owners — a family of four — are all over six foot, so controlling

proportions and heights was important to ensure the bathroom felt spacious enough for its lofty inhabitants to use comfortably.

Existing wall tiling that stopped short of the ceiling added to the hodge podge feel of the room and needed to go to make way for a light and bright bathroom that epitomised luxury.

Servicing two teenage boys, it needed to offer tactile and practical aspects for it to be a functional space.

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THE GRADIENT CRAYON BLUE MATT WALL TILES BEHIND THE MIRROR AND IN THE SHOWER

The new bathroom retained and reused all the original plumbing points, which kept costs down and allowed the owners to splurge on the magnificent Gradient Crayon Blue Matt wall tiles behind the mirror and in the shower. Exploding with colour and character, these tiles welcome complexity within order as they emulate the play of leaves or water in light.

A custom skylight is positioned along the edge of the room to create the illusion of space.

“The window and skylight to the side create a soft light that highlights the beautiful textures of the room,” says architect Rosemary Ross. “The original irregular plan was rationalised through the use of a new full-height joinery element, concealing one of the steps along this wall.”

Heated towel rails and a backlit round mirror join a host of features that transform the once dreary water closet into a well-lit bathing sanctuary.

As the first part of a much larger project that will encompass the rest of the house, Rosstang Architects is excited to see how the next stages unravel. If the bathroom is anything to go by, we'd say it will be a luxuriously functional and lively abode. 📍 [rosstang.com.au](http://rosstang.com.au)

### FIXTURES & FITTINGS

**Basin** Alape Sondo Counter bi-colour counter basin

**Basin taps** Milli Glance extended basin mixer in gunmetal

**WC** Astra Walker Pura floor-mounted pan

**Shower** Astra Walker iron bronze finish

**Wall tiles** Tiento Tiles Gradient Crayon Blue Matt and Evoque Perla

**Floor tiles** Tiento Tiles Evoque Perla

**Heated towel rails** Scarpa in custom iron bronze finish

**Mirror** Plaza 85 backlit round mirror

**Lighting** Masson for Light Beama Surface Eye Baby

**Shower screen** Clear glass, frameless

**Joinery doors** George Fethers Lignapal Smoked Oak Limed

**Joinery benchtop** CDK Blue Moon