99 ST. VINCENT PLACE SOUTH, ALBERT PARK. (10.07.25).

Architectural Design Statement

Design Approach

The initial intention is to reinstate original elements to the existing building form, such as the chimney moulding & pots, slate roof, verandah tiles and natural rendered wall finish.

The existing front form presents as the primary bookend to the western end of St. Vincent Place South (corner of St. Vincent Street). The existing additions to the side present to the street as seven simple horizontal planes without adornment (see below). The window elements (void) of the side contrast with the solid painted brickwork to express this horizontality.



Existing view of the residence from corner of St. Vincent Place & St. Vincent Street

The proposed additions at the rear seek to present as a refined, horizontal form (similar to the existing actually) of simple modern detailing. This is achieved through the use of non-reflective environmental glazing and natural stone / brick, contrasting to the existing vertical bookend form on the corner. The additions scale and articulation, through the use of natural materials, recessed lightwell and breezeway, appears as a modest addition to the original Heritage form on the corner (see image page 2).

A first-floor pergola element has been introduced over the balcony to accentuate the breezeway corner, at the rear of the Heritage form. The natural material cladding's proposed (stone and brick), subtly contrast with the large, smooth rendered wall mass of the corner. All detailing seeks to modestly articulate the difference between the existing corner form and the modern smaller scaled horizontal 'pavilion' addition.

The design response is inspired by Lloyd Wrights 'Usonian Houses' with simple geometric massing, horizontal bands of glazing and bricks etc. The interior is also inspired by Lloyd Wright where compartments and 'servants' became less prominent in households. Plans became more open, so occupants could communicate across different areas and the sense of space became much greater with multiple views outside. This 'modern open plan lifestyle' is very typical of Albert Park, as it ties in behind the original enclosed rooms and solid Heritage form and reflects the aspirations and family lifestyle of people living in the Heritage Precincts on the Bayside.



Proposed view of the residence from corner of St. Vincent Place & St. Vincent Street

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