



## outdoor room

This house for a family with three young children in Hawthorne responds to the sub-tropical climate of Brisbane by extending the enclosed living zone into an outdoor room defined by a delicately worked pergola. As conceived by the architect Richard Kirk, this outdoor room is roofed by a lightweight timber frame covered with corrugated translucent plastic sheeting that drops down on one side, ensuring both light

from above and privacy from next door. The double-height pergola is overlooked from one of the bedrooms and the connecting corridor at the upper level, while at the ground level it communicates with the living-dining-kitchen space. The simple timber construction of the pergola is echoed in the traditional timber frame of the house, expressed on the street façade by a grid of plywood panels.



**opposite** The double-height pergola at the end of the house encasing the outdoor living room

**above** The dining-kitchen area with wooden and steel furniture on a dark grey concrete floor

**left** A skylight illuminates the lime green walls of the staircase ascending to the bedrooms

**below** The master bedroom with pale polished woodwork and a bright pink wall; the side window has a glass panel that slides completely out of view

