



# Malvern's next star

Ravida does stunning family luxury by design

John Gardiner could never have imagined that the little hamlet he settled back in 1851 and called Gardiner's Creek would grow to be one of Melbourne's premier suburbs. Now, Malvern is one of Melbourne's consistent high performers, carving out a niche as a family friendly suburb that epitomises the "leafy east".

Housing in Malvern is a mix of Victorian and Edwardian classics and modern homes built on big blocks close to the many parks and gardens in the area.

Ravida, one of Melbourne's most popular commercial and residential builders, has made quite an impression on the streetscapes of the inner-east. The newest addition to the Malvern market is an imposing French-inspired stunner at 1178 Malvern Road.

Combining exceptional design with today's modern luxuries, Ravida clearly has a

commitment to quality, from interior design to landscaping. The two-storey, four-bedroom and four-bathroom property was designed and constructed by Ravida and is the result of more than 30 years of custom building experience.

Ravida managing director Don Ravida is pretty chuffed with the result: "Malvern Road is what dreams are truly made of. This newly completed, prized family home offers exceptional design and materials, and is the perfect example of what can be achieved through custom building."

With a value in excess of \$2.5 million, the house is finished with soft furnishings by Peter Strachan Interiors. The property was landscaped by Paul Bangay Design and the pool built by Aloha Pools.

The appeal of the Malvern Road house begins at its elegant facade. Symmetrical in design and well-proportioned, the frontage

creates an unforgettable first impression as soon as you pull into the driveway.

Three-metre high ceilings with feature cornice and plaster work, attached square colonnades and detailed timberwork on the skirting and architraves impress on first sight. This sets the scene for the centrepiece – a curved screen of intricate ironwork that mirrors the curved shape of the grand staircase, creating a fabulous gallery effect that allows natural light to flow through the house.

Also on the ground floor is an open-plan living space, complete with a large lounge room, meals area and kitchen fit for large-scale entertaining. The family zone is framed with classic french doors and a full-height bay window, filling the room with light and creating a convenient opening to the pool, which sits next to a paved entertaining area.

As a practical bonus the powder room can be

accessed from outside the house and includes a shower for guests.

The curved staircase leads to the second level where two generously proportioned bedrooms have direct access to a shared bathroom. The third bedroom has its own en suite. The main suite is located at the rear and has an en suite with a free-standing bath, expansive dressing room and a balcony that overlooks the pool below.

"The classic design and quality build of Malvern Road will stand the test of time. Located next to some of the city's finest shopping and entertainment precincts, this luxury home will be the perfect place for a family to grow," Mr Ravida says. ■

*1178 Malvern Road is available for inspection by appointment only. Interested parties should contact Ravida on 9821 0244.*

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