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Whether to renovate or start from scratch is an age-old quandary for home owners wanting a change.

After discussing their options, executive couple Kylie and Paul, of Torrens Park, decided to rebuild and chose to work with Adelaide Prestige Homes which specialises in extensions and new homes in the middle to top end of the building market.

"People often don't know whether to go for an addition or start afresh and, unlike many companies out there, we can do both," general manager Daniel Sibly says. Kylie and Paul, who have a 12-year-old daughter and eight-year-old son, decided to retain their existing tennis court and swimming pool but rebuild the home which is on a sloping block.

"With the pool and court, we didn't have a lot of room to move so we're happy that every inch of space possible has been used...our objectives were well and truly met," Kylie says.

Daniel says the construction was complex with the elevated, sloping site providing some excavation challenges but these were overcome with a well-executed design.

"We sat down with Kylie and Paul and went through the process. We generally meet two or three times to get the concept right, and everything is selected up front which is transparent and people know the cost upfront," he says.

"We talk about the journey a lot, the process, that is something we really focus on...we're a small company, we only do 25 to 30 homes a year, and we're selective with what we do."

The two-storey home has an impressive façade combining WA limestone and render with western red cedar windows.

Once inside, a foyer leads to a home theatre, wine cellar and vanity/toilet. At the top of the open stairwell with Australian oak steps is a full-sized window which frames a view of the pool, tennis court and timber decking.

"Up until now we've lived in quite a dark, older house so it's nice to be in a bright home and all the windows are in Comfort Plus glass which is great for insulation all year round," Kylie says.

The open plan kitchen/living/dining area has glossy Big River spotted gum engineered hardware

floors, high ceilings and WA limestone features around the fireplace.

Floor-to-ceiling windows also overlook the re-fenced tennis court and rejuvenated swimming pool with great views through to the city.

"Part of our brief was also specifically to protect our neighbour's view and this worked out well too...we have a slightly higher roofline at the front but it's much flatter at the back so their view is not obstructed at all," Kylie says.

Kylie and Paul's bedroom has a corner position with windows around the room to take advantage of the views. A luxe ensuite and his-and-her walk-in robes are recessed behind the bed which adds dimension to the comfortable room.

The children have good-sized bedrooms and share a bathroom with high-gloss taupe stone tiles and premium fittings. There is ample, well-concealed storage throughout the home.

"We're really comfortable here, it's an enjoyable space, and it's the perfect size for us, not too big," Kylie says.

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