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## KWD, katewalkerdesign.com.au

What was the brief for this space? A lakehouse-inspired laundry design suitable for a young family.

Were there any challenges along the way? None. We work closely with our clients to understand how they live and what they will use the space for. Having a designer look at the room and reconfigure it to make the best use of the space can often be the most important part of a renovation. This is what helps things go smoothly.

How did you decide on the colour palette? The palette was inspired by the coastal location. How long did the renovation take? Eighteen months to renovate the home.

What do the owners love about this space? They say that they never thought they would have a house as beautiful as this. They can't believe this is their home.

WALL TILES Casablanca tiles in Sea Blue, KWD & Co.

FLOOR TILES Casablanca tiles in Sea Blue, Cloud and Cerulean, KWD & Co.

JOINERY Custom shaker profile cabinetry in Porter's Paints Blue Pewter.

HARDWARE Domino Brass.

**BENCHTOP** Carrara marble, KWD & Co.

TAPWARE Brodware 'Manhattan' mixer in Rumbled Brass, Reece.

**SINK** Franke stainless steel sink, Reece.

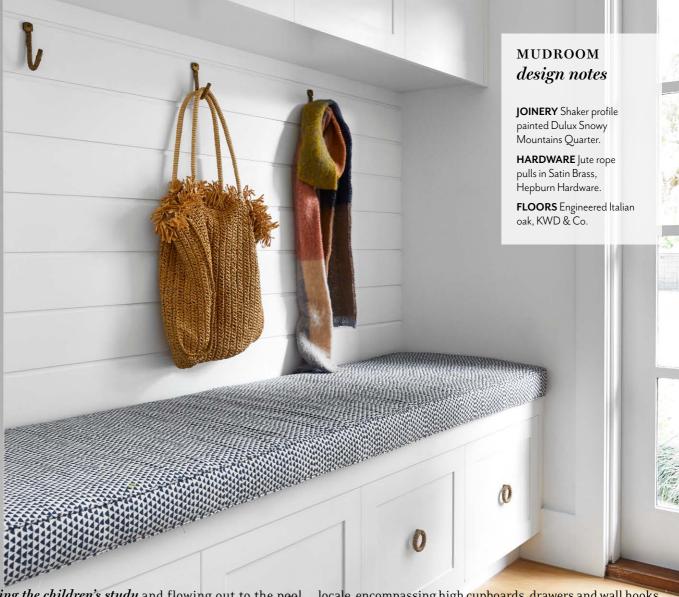
**APPLIANCES** Miele.

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## Drop zone

This understated mudroom brings order to the chaos of life with kids.

STORY  $Stephanie\ Hope \mid$  STYLING  $\mathcal{F}ulia\ Green \mid$  PHOTOGRAPHY  $Armelle\ Habib$ 



Adjoining the children's study and flowing out to the pool area, this hard-working mudroom in Victoria's Mornington Peninsula is packed with storage solutions tailored to a busy family. "One of the most underrated rooms in a home, which is often forgotten during the design phase, is the mudroom," says its designer Kate Walker of KWD. "Provided there's space, we always try and design a family home with one of these functional rooms." For this space, she specified warm engineered Italian oak floorboards, which flow through to the neighbouring kids' bedrooms and casual living space. An upholstered bench seat offers a spot to perch, while the surrounding white joinery is fresh and befitting of the beachy

locale, encompassing high cupboards, drawers and wall hooks. "It's the perfect drop zone for school bags, sports bags and all of the paraphernalia associated with running a household with children," says Kate. "The perfect transitional space when you enter from the pool area where you can remove wet towels and bathers, and store pool toys."

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How did you decide on the material palette? It was inspired by the coastal location, and ties in with materials used elsewhere in the home.

How long did the renovation take? Eighteen months for the entire home.

What do the owners love about the space? They are so happy with the spatial planning and wonderful flow in the home.