

4.6 Courtyard walls

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Courtyard walls are permitted forward of the *building line* where they comply with all of the following:

- a) maximum height of 1.8m above *datum ground level*
- b) a minimum setback to the front boundary complying with the following:
 - i) where the wall encloses the *principal private open space* of a ground floor *dwellings* that is located to the west, north-west, north, north-east or east of the *dwelling* – 0.7m
 - ii) in all other cases - half the front boundary setback nominated elsewhere in this code
- c) trees and/or shrubs between the wall and the front boundary, in accordance with an approved landscape plan
- d) a variety of materials or indentations not less than 15m apart where the indents are not less than 1m in depth and 4m in length
- e) constructed of brick, block or stonework, any of which may be combined with timber or metal panels that include openings not less than 25% of the surface area of the panel
- f) maintain clear sightlines between vehicles on driveways and pedestrians on public paths in accordance with A2890.1- *The Australian Standard for Off-Street Parking*.

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Courtyard walls achieve all of the following:

- a) consistency with the *desired character*
- b) visual softening through associated planting
- c) reduced traffic noise, where necessary
- d) reasonable privacy to *lower floor level* windows
- e) opportunities for natural surveillance of public areas and the street
- f) the articulation of elements
- g) a variety of materials
- h) reasonable solar access to *principal private open space*.