

# The WEDDING Parlour

## Wedding Planning Timeline

### 12 Months Before

- Set a date
- Set your budget
- Start a guest list and categorise
  - Green – must be invited
  - Yellow – should be invited
  - Red – nice to be invited
- Choose your wedding party
- Choose colour scheme and style
- Book ceremony and reception venues

### 9 – 11 Months Before

- Think about, shop for and order your wedding dress
- Book photographer and videographer
- Book florist
- Book caterer if not provided by venue
- Book entertainment
- Set up gift registry
- Order passport if needed for honeymoon

#### 6 – 8 Months Before

- Buy bridesmaids dresses
- Book hairdresser and makeup artist
- Reserve wedding night bridal suite
- Book transport for wedding
- Send Save the Date cards
- Book honeymoon
- Order invitations
- Reserve rental items if needed (i.e. marquee, tables, chairs, chair covers etc.)

#### 4 – 5 Months Before

- Ensure all deposits are paid and confirm contracts
- Finalise guest list
- Choose music for ceremony, reception and first dance
- Order wedding rings
- Order wedding cake\cupcakes
- Buy brides and bridesmaids shoes and accessories
- Meet with officiant

#### 3 Months

- Appoint ushers and other helpers
- Send invitations
- Order favours
- Ensure shoes are broken in by wearing around your home
- Confirm date and time with all wedding vendors
- Buy\rent groomsmen attire
- Buy Ring Bearer\Flower Girl clothing

## 2 Months Before

- Consider and plan pre-wedding beauty sessions i.e. tanning, hair colouring
- Purchase gifts for bridesmaids and groomsmen
- Complete Marriage Notice form and submit to the District Registrar (Notice must be submitted no earlier than 3 months and no later than 28 days before the date of marriage)

## 6 Weeks Before

- Hair and makeup trials
- Purchase wedding day accessories (i.e. guest book, ring pillow etc.)
- Finalise menu and alcohol requirements
- Make doctor's appointment for honeymoon immunisations if required
- Purchase a picture worthy dress hanger

## 4 Weeks Before

- Choose your vows (write your own or choose traditional)
- Confirm ceremony details with officiant
- Confirm floral selection with florist
- Final gown fitting for bride and bridesmaids
- Confirm stag and hen do
- Pick up wedding rings
- Meet with photographer and discuss expectations for the day
- Confirm details with entertainment (first dance etc. )
- Seating plan for reception

## 2 Weeks Before

- Contact guests who have not RSVP'd
- Purchase items for Wedding Day Emergency Kit ( see planning resources at the Wedding Parlour )

- Assign day-of-tasks to wedding party and others
- Write timeline for wedding day and provide to all necessary parties
- Coordinate with venue to ensure your vendors have access when they need it
- Provide final seating arrangement to venue (place cards and seating chart)
- Confirm wedding day transportation
- Ensure all toasts and speeches are prepared
- Confirm honeymoon reservations
- Print ceremony program and seating chart

#### 1 Week Before

- Set aside payment for vendors in envelopes
- Pack for wedding night and honeymoon
- Provide final head count to caterer

#### 1 – 2 Days Before

- Rehearsal
- Relax and have a pedicure, manicure, massage, facial etc.

#### Wedding Day

- And they lived happily ever after.....