

The WEDDING Parlour

Photography Checklist

Before the Wedding

- Engagement shoot – an opportunity to meet and get comfortable with your photographer.

Wedding Day

Getting Ready

- Shot of wedding invitation
- Bride and bridesmaids getting hair and makeup done
- Dress hanging on padded hanger, jewellery laid out, shoes etc.
- Bouquets and buttonholes\corsages
- Bride getting dressed with help from mother or bridesmaids
- Close up of dress details
- Putting on jewellery
- Putting on shoes
- Bridesmaids\family members reaction to bride in her dress
- Close up of bride holding bouquet
- Bride with parents and siblings
- Bride spending time alone

- Bridal party walking downstairs/leaving house
- Bride and father in wedding car/walking to ceremony
- Groom and groomsmen getting ready
- Best man adjusting grooms tie
- Groom spending moment alone
- Groom with parents and siblings
- Wedding ring shots

The Ceremony

- Shot of empty venue
- Groom and groomsmen waiting inside venue
- Ushers directing guests
- Bride arriving in wedding car
- Bride stepping out of car
- Bride and bridesmaids outside venue
- Bride and her escort waiting to enter
- Bridal party entrance
- Bride walking up aisle
- Grooms reaction
- Exchanging of vows
- Exchanging of rings
- First kiss as husband and wife
- Signing register
- Bride and groom walking back down the aisle
- Newlywed shot
- Confetti throwing

- Greeting guests outside venue
- Bride and groom in back seat of wedding car

Post Ceremony

Usually 1 – 2 hours are set aside after the ceremony for wedding portraits. Prepare a list of all the people you want in the portraits i.e. family members and friends and the specific combinations you would like. Give this list to the photographer in advance so they can prepare and discuss any issues. It is a good idea to assign a close friend, not a member of the wedding party, who knows all the people on the list and can work with the photographer to round people up.

Couple shots

- Portraits of the couple alone
- Portraits of the bride alone
- Portraits of the groom alone

Bridal Party

- Bride and groom with bridesmaids\groomsmen
- Bride and groom with bridal party
- Bride with bridesmaids\maid of honour
- Groom and groomsmen\best man
- Entire wedding party

Family

- Bride and groom with brides parents
- Bride and groom with grooms parents
- Bride and groom with both sets of parents
- Bride and groom with siblings
- Bride and groom with close family members

Informal Shots

- Shots with friends
- Bride showing her wedding ring
- Shots of guests mingling

Reception

- Reception room set up before filled with guests
- Room decor – table centres, place cards, favours, table settings etc
- Wedding cake shots
- Bride and groom arriving
- Toasts and speeches
- Cutting the cake
- The first dance
- Bride dancing with father – groom with mother
- Bride and groom mingling with guests
- Guests dancing
- Musicians, singers, DJ
- Bouquet toss
- Bride and groom leaving