



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Do you assist with writing wedding vows, or do we need to provide our own?

Yes, I have a number of resources for you to use and I am happy to guide you through writing your vows if you need assistance.

How far in advance should we book your services for our wedding date?

As soon as possible so I can lock in your date – I will only book one ceremony each day. I need to receive the completed *Notice of Intended Marriage* form from you at least 30 days prior to your ceremony.

Can we meet with you before booking to discuss our vision and ask any questions we may have?

100% yes with no obligation – either physically (at the location of your ceremony if possible), in a café where I can shout you a coffee or virtual.

What sets you apart from other wedding celebrants, and what is your approach to creating memorable ceremonies?

I want your guests to remember your ceremony for you and your vows – not me! I do not want to be the centre of attention. As a recent Mother of the Bride, I understand the planning involved to create a memorable and heartfelt ceremony, focusing on attention to detail.

How long does a typical wedding ceremony last, and can it be customized to fit our preferences?

There are no rules for the length of a ceremony however, you want your ceremony to be meaningful and memorable so keeping it within 20-30 minutes is a guide to achieving this.

What happens if there are unexpected changes or emergencies on the wedding day?

I am very adaptable and can fit in with whatever you need on the day. If you are planning an outdoor ceremony, it is always a good idea to have a plan B in case of bad weather.

Can you accommodate special requests or incorporate cultural traditions into the ceremony?

I love researching cultural traditions and rituals and these can really enhance your ceremony. I encourage you to challenge the status quo so that your ceremony reflects you.

How do we proceed with booking your services, and what is the payment process?

Before you book, we need to meet either virtually or face to face. Once you feel we have a connection, a booking fee is required within 24 hours and I will then block off the date of your ceremony in my calendar (I only commit to one ceremony per day).

Are you available to conduct weddings on weekdays, or do you only officiate on weekends?

I can be booked any day or night to conduct your ceremony.

Are there any restrictions on the location or venue where you can officiate weddings?

I am authorised to officiate marriages anywhere in Australia. There is a \$1 per kilometre travel fee added to any location outside the 50km radius of the Melbourne CBD. If flights, car hire or accommodation is required, additional fees will be quoted.

Do you offer pre-marital counselling or guidance for couples preparing for marriage?

As an authorised Marriage Celebrant, when receiving the completed *Notice of Intended Marriage* form from you (at least 30 days prior to your ceremony date), I am obliged to provide you with a brochure '*Happily Ever Before and After*'. This outlines various resources available to you for pre-marital counselling and guidance.

Can you accommodate different faiths or religious beliefs in the ceremony?

I love researching cultural traditions and rituals that can really enhance your ceremony. If appropriate, I can work with you to adapt any religious aspects to include in your ceremony. If including religious elements, it would be wise to seek guidance from a person more aware of specifics as it is important they are incorporated with sensitivity and respect.

What is your policy regarding cancellations or rescheduling of wedding ceremonies?

Cancellations and rescheduling can occur with no warning. If cancelling, 50% of any fees paid will be refunded. If rescheduling, no refund will be provided.

Are there any additional fees for travel expenses or accommodation?

There is a \$1 per kilometre travel fee added to any location outside the 50km radius of the Melbourne CBD. If flights, car hire or accommodation is required, additional fees will be quoted.

Can we request a specific attire or dress code for you to wear during the ceremony?

Yes, this is so important to me and I will be guided on what you suggest is suitable and relevant to your ceremony setting and style.

How do you ensure that our ceremony remains respectful and inclusive for all guests?

I ensure your ceremony remains respectful and inclusive by tailoring it to reflect your love and values while embracing the diversity of your guests. Through personalized discussions, I'll understand your backgrounds, beliefs, and preferences, incorporating elements that honour various traditions with sensitivity and universal themes of love and unity.