



Wedding Party Tips & Tricks

You are part of the I Do Crew – there to support your besties and make sure they have the most awesome day! You should have a great time too though – you've been there for so many celebrations and adventures so far – so make this one EPIC with these tips!

Before the ceremony

- ♥ Please make sure your friend eats and hydrates all day! Note that I said 'hydrate' – alcohol should be kept to a minimum. I cannot marry them if they appear to be drunk. If you are an official witness, you cannot be drunk either! A couple of drinks is fine to steady the nerves.
- ♥ Support your friend – calm them down or hype them up as required. On the day jobs for the ceremony and reception are NOT their jobs. Help them by doing tasks or finding someone to do them. If they don't have anyone there taking photos or filming, while they get ready, please take some to send them to them later.
- ♥ When they arrive at the ceremony, do not let people wearing make up hug and kiss them! Or people holding little kids who may drool or spew on them! If pets are there, don't let them jump up. Come and see me for tissues, wipes, mints, water etc. as needed. I will be at the ceremony venue 45 minutes before the start. I will see you before the ceremony starts and give you any instructions for the ceremony.
- ♥ If mishaps happen – issues with flowers, cars, outfits, relatives – please do your best to deal with them so your friend does not have to!
- ♥ If you have a bag or phone with you, you can give it to me to pass to another guest to look after or I can look after it til after the ceremony. If you are arriving with the Bride/Groom in a car, I will meet you there.

Waiting at the front

- ♥ If you are waiting with others next to the Bride/Groom, decide if you will all have hands in front or hands behind. Be consistent. If you are wearing sunglasses, check if the Bride/Groom wants them all on or off (usually off, but sometimes it's ok).
- ♥ If the Bride/Groom is nervous, talk to them, say supportive words, make them laugh. Please don't say stuff like 'no escape now!' 'wanna make a run for it?!' 'are you nervous?' Tell them how awesome this is, that they are going to have the best day/night/life ever!

Making an Entrance

- ♥ If you are walking in with or ahead of the Bride/Groom, know what the vibe is:
 - ~ Upbeat entrance music – get into it, build excitement with smiles, strut, dance, singing, hi 5s as you walk down the aisle.
 - ~ Slow entrance music - take your time when you walk but not too slowly. Look up, smile, look around, say hi to people as you go. Say hi to the Bride/Groom at the front.
- ♥ If you are holding a bouquet, hold it at your belly button.
- ♥ Dress Fluffing – if you are the person closest to the Bride after she gets to the front, pass your bouquet to the person beside you (or me if there is no one else) and fluff her dress and veil so they sit perfectly behind/to the side of her.
- ♥ Spacing – please look at me after the entrance. If we need to adjust the spacing of how you are standing, I will give you silent directions so we get it just right for perfect photos!
- ♥ Stand facing the guests, with a slight angle towards the Bride/Groom, whoever you are closest to.

During the Ceremony

- ♥ Smile – Most of the time, you just need to stand there and look gorgeous! Smile, laugh, dab your eyes with tissues hidden in your bouquet or pocket!
- ♥ Bouquet Passing – if you are the person the Bride is passing her bouquet to, take it and put it on the signing table if that's nearby or pass it to someone sitting in the front row. Don't stand holding two bouquets!
- ♥ Move your legs – standing very still for 20-30 minutes can cause people to pass out! Bend your knees, wiggle your toes, move around a little to keep blood flowing. If you feel faint, let me know so we can get you a chair and a glass of water. It is fine to pause the ceremony at any time!

Ring Bearer

- ♥ If you are the Ring Bearer, I will ask you to bring the rings up at the appropriate moment.
- ♥ Stand to the side, facing each person in turn with the ring box open for them to take their partner's ring out. Don't stand with your back fully to the guests.

Witness Signing of Certificates

- ♥ If you are asked to be an Official Witness, I will invite you to the signing table.
- ♥ Please check that your name has been spelt correctly on the documents - you will sign three documents.
- ♥ After signing, pose for photos as asked by the photographer then return to your spot at the front.

The Big Finish

- ♥ After I introduce the couple as Australia's Newest Newlyweds, please clap and cheer for them – help me get the guests excited for their big exit.
- ♥ Do not follow them out straight away – sometimes they want to exit alone and for you to wait in the ceremony area with the other guests. If they do want you to follow them out, wait until the couple has passed the last row of guests (as they may have a fancy exit dip kiss planned and you don't want to photo bomb them!). If you are unsure, wait for my signal to go. I will let you know ahead of the ceremony what the plan is for exit.

Photo Time

- ♥ They may need your help organising people for photos, so make sure you stay close by and help as required.
- ♥ Most couples go away for photos before the Reception – this may include the whole Wedding Party. Check if they have organised some refreshments for themselves and you during photo time. They will definitely want a drink and may need snacks.

Party Time

- ♥ Make sure you know what is happening for the Wedding Party Entrance into the Reception.
- ♥ The MC/Coordinator will have a run sheet for the evening – introduce yourself and let them know that you can help as required. If any issues arise during the Reception, do your best to deal with them with the MC/Coordinator so the couple doesn't have to.
- ♥ Keep the couple's drinks topped up but make sure they eat and hydrate all evening.
- ♥ Make sure they get a piece of their wedding cake!
- ♥ If you are asked to collect the Card Box / Wishing Well at the end of the evening, make sure it gets to a safe and secure place. If the Marriage Certificate Folder is with the Card Box, take extra special care of it.

Contact me

Any questions? Get in touch at any time on 0415 064784

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