

A photograph of two young women standing outdoors in formal attire. The woman on the left is wearing a gold sequined dress and has her hair styled in an updo. The woman on the right is wearing a blue sequined dress and has long, wavy blonde hair. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a brick wall.

THE
Graduation
EXPERIENCE

GLAM & MAYHEM: A MATRIC & GRADUATE SESSION GUIDE



Hello

The shoes might be loud, the lashes borderline illegal, and at least one boutonnière is hanging on for dear life... but guess what? That's the magic.

Your matric photo session isn't about perfect poses or flawless makeup - it's about freezing the energy, the anticipation, and the bold, ridiculous, unforgettable joy of stepping into your next chapter.

This guide is your cheat code for turning sequins, nerves, and last-minute lint rolling into a frame-worthy adventure that feels as electric as the night itself.

Here's my not-so-secret recipe:

- A truckload of hype with zero judgment
- A pinch of cheeky direction (cue: "pretend you just spotted your crush... and they saw you first")
- A generous dash of cinematic mood with a twist of sass

Whether you show up with TikTok choreography queued or just hoping not to blink mid-flash - I'll capture the confidence, the chaos, and everything in between.

If this feels a little like your victory lap wrapped in glitter and confetti, I'd be honoured to capture the moment you level up.



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The Chaos

BEAUTIFULLY CAPTURED

Chaos is kind of my love language - and when it comes to matric photo sessions, I wouldn't have it any other way. If you arrive with hairspray fog in the air, someone crying-laughing in the backseat, and a heel threatening betrayal... you're doing it right.

This isn't about curated perfection - it's about the beautiful blur of excitement, nerves, glam squads, besties hyping you up, and that wild heartbeat moment when the flash clicks and you realize, **this is it.**

Matric sessions are your highlight reel in motion: messy laughs, dramatic twirls, sparkly eyeliner mishaps, and those blink-and-you'll-miss-it glances that say **we did it. I don't chase stiff poses or red carpet perfection - I chase story. Hype over symmetry, attitude over curation, and personality over polish.**

Your session is a celebration of **now - the mood, the madness, the memories in the making. Because one day, these photos won't just show how you looked... they'll remind you how it all felt.**

So if you show up flustered, fierce, or somewhere in between - breathe. I've got you. We're about to turn ordinary chaos into something legendary.

Photo Sessions

APPROXIMATE BEST TIMES FOR LIGHTING



SUMMER

DECEMBER - FEBRUARY

**5:30AM - 7:30AM
17:00PM - 19:00PM**

AUTUMN

MARCH - MAY

**6:30AM - 8:30AM
16:00PM - 18:00PM**

WINTER

JUNE - AUGUST

**7:00AM - 9:00AM
15:30PM - 17:30PM**

SPRING

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER

**5:30AM - 7:30AM
16:00PM - 18:00PM**



Photo Session Prep

FOR THE FAMILY MEMBERS JOINING YOU

Having your picture taken can often be daunting. I understand that getting ready for photo session might seem overwhelming. Below are some tips on selecting outfits and accessories to simplify the process.



Say goodbye to the “matchy-matchy” days of black-and-white outfit déjà vu - we’re stepping into a whole new level of style sorcery. Think layers, texture, and a little colour coordination magic. Enter: the rule of three. Pick two neutral tones (black, white, grey, tan, denim - the stylish staples) and spice things up with one accent colour that pops like pink, green, or blue. You’re not matching - you’re vibing.

Logos and loud prints? Unless you’re channelling your inner rockstar or proudly repping Big Brother, it’s a hard pass. Instead, boost your look with a jacket, vest, scarf, or something that says “I didn’t just roll out of bed looking this amazing - but close.”

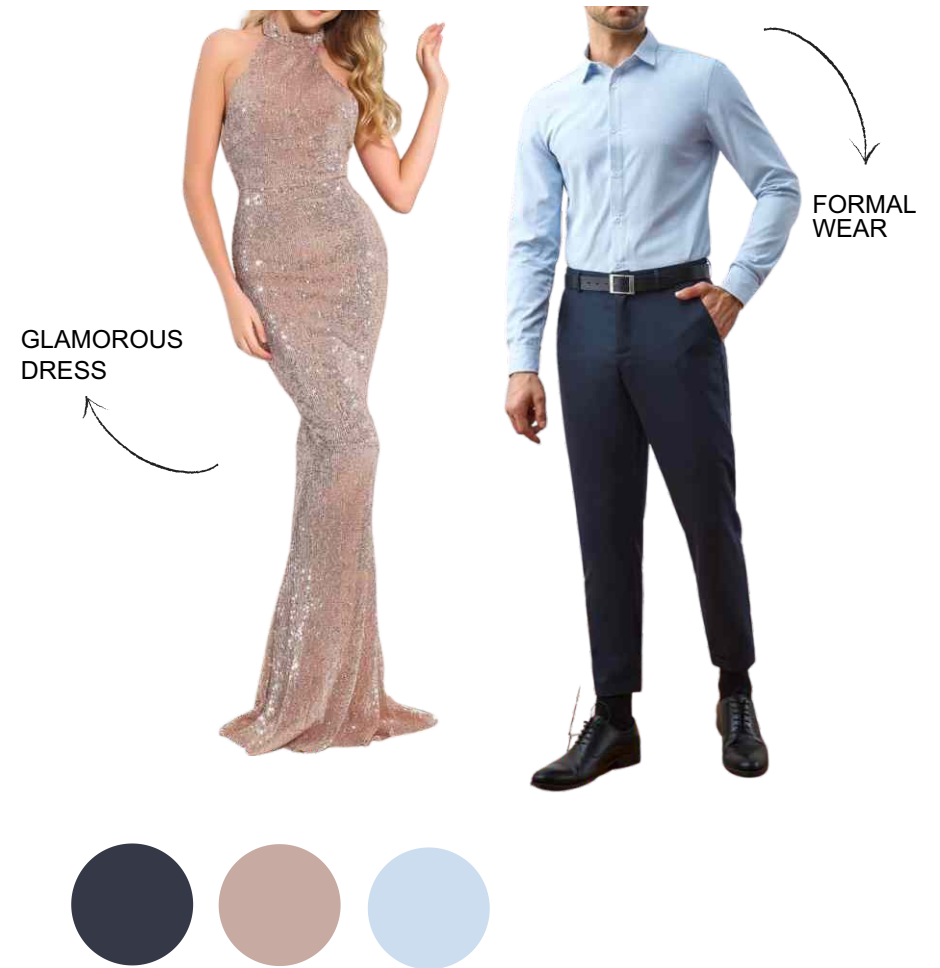
Quick tip: Dress to flatter, not to fret. If you’re not loving your arms, skip the sleeveless - your confidence is your best accessory.

And don’t forget the setting. Urban vibes? Lean into street-chic. Shooting in nature? Let your outfit play nice with the scenery, not wrestle it.

Outfit Inspiration



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HOW TO PREP YOUR

Crew

(WITHOUT LOSING YOUR MIND)

Matric Mayhem Toolkit: For Families Riding the Glitter Rollercoaster

Matric Students: Icons in the Making

Checklist Highlights:

- Outfit options that scream personality (sparkle, edge, or minimal chic - all welcome)
 - Emergency fashion fixes (lint roller, safety pins, backup lashes)
 - Pre-photo pep talk: "This is your *main character* moment - own it."
 - Clear pockets or sleek bags (because the phone will sneak into shots)
- A voice of reason (a.k.a. someone saying "turn your tassel the right way")

Side-note:

If your teen insists on wearing sneakers with their formal - don't fight it. That's legacy. That's confidence. That's gold.

Parents & Proud Entourages: Calm-ish, Coordinated-ish, Here for It.

Checklist Highlights:

- Outfits that let you shine while letting them be the star
- Lipstick, comb, tissues (because tears *will* make a cameo)
- Prep chat: "No loud commentary unless it's hype-related"
 - Snacks for morale (including bribery-grade chocolate)
 - Let them run the vibe - you're there for joy, not control

Side-note:

If you say "just one more photo," expect 43. Trust the process.





Bonus Round: Siblings, Besties & Unexpected Guest Stars

Checklist Highlights:

- Coordinated-ish extras for group shots (twinsies or wildcards welcome)
- Comedic relief - every session needs one hype human
- Water, wipes, and calm energy (someone's makeup will try to escape)
- Let me know about any extras - I'll prep the perfect chaos-wrangling strategy

Side-note:

Best friends pose like they've trained for this. Siblings? Freelance photobombers.

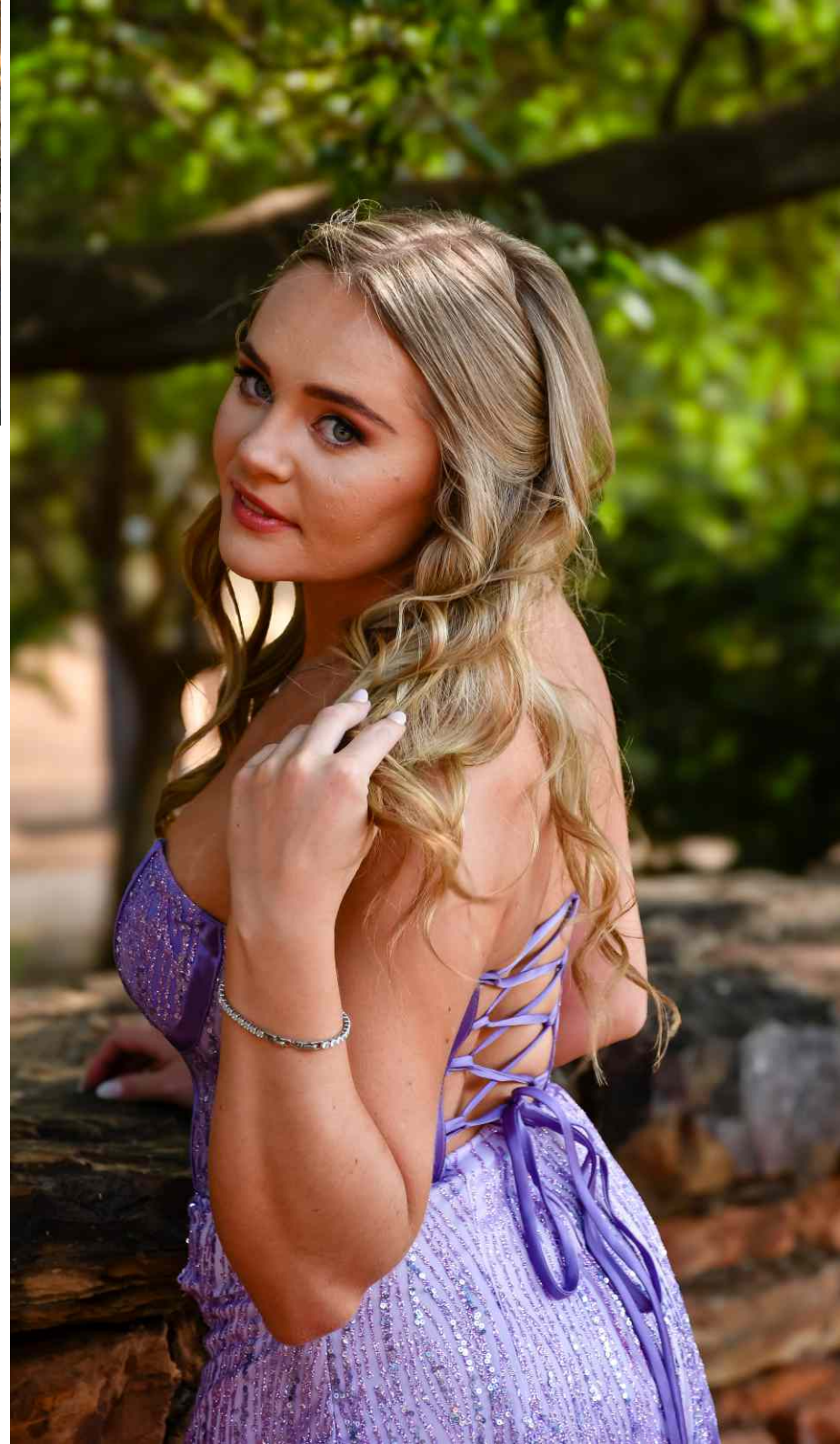
General Matric Prep Kit

- Confidence (non-negotiable, glitter optional)
- Emergency makeup bag or pocket mirror
- Water + snacks to keep the glow alive
- Hair tools (brush, extra hairpins, and possibly a motivational speech)
- Charged phone (for behind-the-scenes TikToks, not doomscrolling)
- A sense of humour - cannot be packed, must be summoned
- Patience. And glitter. Possibly backup shoes. Definitely backup hype.

Side-note:

Cohesive energy? Optional. Epic memories? Guaranteed. Chaos gets a glow-up - and we make it legendary.





THE SESSION EXPERIENCE: WHAT

Really

HAPPENS

So you've conquered the outfit debates, defused a lash emergency, and managed to arrive with at least one button still holding strong - now what?

Your matric photo session kicks off the moment you arrive, glitter-flecked, slightly frazzled, and riding the emotional rollercoaster of "is this real life?"

We ease into it with warm-up shots designed to melt the nerves and spark connection. Think: slow walks, inside jokes, dramatic twirls, and hype-laced giggles. No stiff posing or awkward prom arms here.

I guide you through the vibe like a camera-wielding wingwoman: playful prompts, candid chaos, cinematic snippets, and just enough cheek to get natural reactions. Expect spontaneous dance moves, epic group poses, deep-breath "I got you" moments, and maybe a fake runway strut to unlock the swagger.

My style is part documentary, part daydream - the real emotions, the curated chaos, and that little touch of theatrical flair. Yes, I've got rituals.

Like the "pretend your crush just DM'd you" moment to get authentic sparkle, or the "drama queen breeze scene" for maximum slow-mo effect. Trust me, it works.

We wrap before the hair falls flat and the nerves get crispy - and by then, you've probably forgotten it was a photo shoot at all. What's left? A gallery that shouts "legend," makes your Instagram pop, and gives your future self a reason to grin.

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30
MINUTES

PHOTO ONLY

@ R700

Includes 20 digital images

♥



45
MINUTES

PHOTO ONLY

@ R1050

Includes 30 digital images

♥



1
HOUR

PHOTO ONLY

@ R1400

Includes 50 digital images

♥



30
MINUTES

VIDEO ONLY

@ R1400

Includes a 5 - 15 second video

♥



45
MINUTES

VIDEO ONLY

@ R1750

Includes a 10 - 20 second video

♥



1
HOUR

VIDEO ONLY

@ R2100

Includes a 10 - 30 second video

♥



30
MINUTES

PHOTO & VIDEO

@ R1750

♥



45
MINUTES

PHOTO & VIDEO

@ R2275

♥



1
HOUR

PHOTO & VIDEO

@ R2800

♡



90
MINUTES

PHOTO ONLY

@ R2100

Includes 75 digital images

♡



2
HOURS

PHOTO ONLY

@ R2800

Includes 100 digital images

♡



3
HOURS

PHOTO ONLY

@ R4200

Includes 150 digital images

♡



90
MINUTES

VIDEO ONLY

@ R2800

Includes a 10 - 20 second video

♡



2
HOURS

VIDEO ONLY

@ R3500

Includes a 15 - 60 second video + a full video

♡



3
HOURS

VIDEO ONLY

@ R4900

Includes a 30 - 90 second video + a full video

♡



90
MINUTES

PHOTO & VIDEO

@ R3850

♡



2
HOURS

PHOTO & VIDEO

@ R4900

♡



3
HOURS

PHOTO & VIDEO

@ R7000

EXTRAS TO ADD TO YOUR PACKAGE



EXTRA	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Additional Photographer	Add a second professional photographer to capture every angle and moment.	R300 per hour
Additional Videographer	Add a second professional videographer for additional coverage and perspectives.	R300 per hour
Drone Video Footage	Stunning aerial shots to capture your day from breathtaking new perspectives.	R1500 per 15 minutes

TRAVELLING FEES

A travelling fee applies for all sessions outside of a 5km radius from Riviera, Pretoria.

This fee covers my time and fuel to travel to your chosen location so I can provide you with the best experience possible.

Travel is charged at R8 per kilometre (one-way) from Riviera, Pretoria.

To keep things fair, travel time shouldn't be longer than your booked session. If your location is 2 hours away, a minimum 2-hour session is required.

If our adventure includes toll gates, those fees will be added afterwards. Venue entry or permit fees for both myself and my trusty assistant (who carries lenses and terrible jokes) are also charged separately.

<u>DISTANCE FROM RIVIERA, PRETORIA</u>	<u>TRAVELLING FEE</u>	<u>MINIMUM SESSION DURATION FOR THIS DISTANCE</u>
0 - 5 Km	NO Travelling Fee	30 Minutes
6 - 10 Km	R80	45 Minutes
11 - 20 Km	R160	45 Minutes
21 - 30 Km	R240	1 Hour
31 - 40 Km	R320	1 Hour 30 Minutes
41 - 50 Km	R400	2 Hours
51 - 60 Km	R480	3 Hours
61 - 70 Km	R560	3 Hours
71 - 80 Km	R640	6 Hours
81 - 90 Km	R720	6 Hours
91 - 100 Km	R800	8 Hours
101 - 120 Km	R960	8 Hours
121 - 140 Km	R1120	10 Hours
141 - 160 Km	R1280	10 Hours
161 - 180 Km	R1440	12 Hours
181 - 200 Km	R1600	12 Hours



PLEASE NOTE



TRAVELLING FEES

Travelling fees are separate from your session fee. They are not included in any package price



LOCATION / PERMIT FEES

Any location entry or permit fees are for the clients account.



PARKING / TOLL FEES

Any parking fees at the location or toll gate fees are for the clients account.

HOW TO MAKE A *Booking*



Get in touch with me to check if I have availability for your date.

Decide which package is best suited for you from our packages.

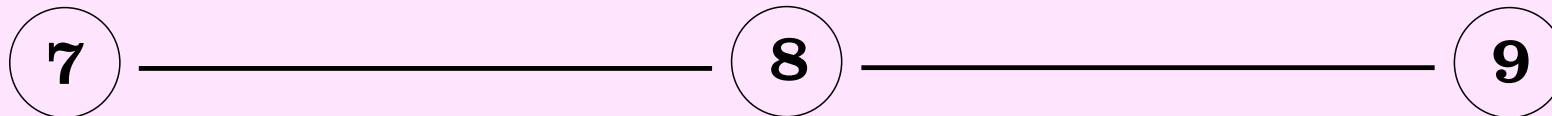
Decide on a location for your matric shoot. You can have a look on my site for some ideas.



Pay your 50% non-refundable retainer fee.
Make arrangements for the balance.

Your session is booked!
Start planning your wardrobe, props, etc for your matric session.

Shoot Day!
We all show up on time with our game faces on. You dance, you laugh, you cry happy tears, and we create incredible photos.



After your shoot I upload all your unedited images to an online gallery so that you can choose your favourite photos.

I edit your chosen photos - This takes 10-14 days from when I receive your list of favourites.

Your digital photos will be ready for collection and you can order your printing.



AFTER THE

Snap

WHAT COMES NEXT

So the camera's had its moment, the glitter's settling, the snacks are history, and someone's already asking, "Do we have **any good ones?**" Spoiler alert: we've got magic - and then some.

After the shoot, I dive into full-on curator mode. No duplicates. No mid-sneeze mishaps (unless they're iconic). Within a few days, you'll get a sneak peek to tide you over while I polish the gallery to cinematic perfection. Final delivery hits your inbox in 2-3 weeks, depending on the size of the party and the level of glitter-fuelled mayhem.

Social media etiquette? Tag me, celebrate, relive the sparkle - just don't drop a filter that turns everyone into glazed cake pops. I've already handled the magic. As for retouching, here's my golden rule: confidence stays, lipstick smudges go. I'll clean up distractions, enhance the glow, but never erase the soul.

Behind the scenes, every image is treated like a keepsake in the making - something future-you can look back on and say, "Yep, we were unstoppable." And when that gallery lands? Expect jaws to drop, hearts to swell, and at least one friend to say, "Wait... can you send me that one?"



HOW TO ROCK YOUR

Wall Art

LIKE A GALLERY QUEEN

Because your parents walls deserve more than forgotten school drawings and dusty clocks.

You've got the photos, the feels, and the fabulous matric moments - now it's time to let them reign over your walls like the royalty they are. Choosing frames? Go for timeless over trendy. Mix finishes if you're feeling bold, or keep things clean with matching tones that let the photos shine. Matting adds sophistication; floating frames add drama. If in doubt, I'm your frame whisperer.

Placement magic is real. Staircases are for storytelling. Hallways? A parade of pride. Living rooms? The showstopper zone. Think eye-level for impact and create intentional groupings (even if it's just Grandma + snacks). Grid layouts, salon-style clusters, or lone hero pieces all have their moment.

LEGACY MOMENTS: TURNING

Photos

INTO TRADITIONS



Because the moments we flex today become the stories we brag about tomorrow.

One of the most powerful things a family (or a fierce solo graduate) can do is show up - not just once - for the photo magic, but again and again. These aren't just one-night-only glam snapshots; they're chapter markers in your story. From school shoes to stilettos, sneakers to gowns - portraits become the personal history you'll scroll through for years.

Start small. Lock in your season (hello, golden-hour sparkle!), choose a signature spot, or craft a ritual around something that screams you - "Sassy Siblings & Street Style"? "Corsage Chaos"? Go wild. Build the tradition: framed prints down the hallway, custom coffee-table brag books, or a note slipped behind the photo that says, "This was the moment we felt unstoppable."

Prints matter. Not just for décor - but for legacy. Sure, digital files live on your phone. But real prints? They live in albums, memory boxes, and hearts. They get passed around, stuck on fridges, and someday pulled out by someone who whispers, "This was Mom in her matric era - eyelashes and all."

Make it a thing. Make it bold. Make sure your walls (and your story) keep up with the beautiful evolution of you.

FAQs & WTFs (BECAUSE MATRICULANTS BE WILD)

Q: What if it rains on shoot day?

A: We roll with it. Light drizzle can feel cinematic, umbrellas become props, and moody skies make magic. If the puddles threaten your heels, we reschedule.

Q: My teen refuses to smile. Is that... a problem?

A: Not at all. Moody is a vibe. We shoot for personality, not perfection. Bonus points if they stare down the lens with main-character intensity.

Q: Can my dog come?

A: Yes - and I'll probably love your dog more than your date by the end of the shoot. Bring treats, leash, and please don't let them eat the emergency snacks.

Q: What should we wear?

A: Something that makes you feel invincible but won't leave you breathless or sweating glitter. Tone > neon. Personality > perfection. Leave novelty tees for TikTok skits.

Q: What if someone melts down mid-session?

A: It means we're right on schedule. Nerves, tears, drama - all part of the story. I capture it all with grace and a side of humour.

Q: Will you edit out rogue pimples or mascara tears?

A: Yes. Glam stays. Distractions go. Personality gets top billing. I'm here for the glow-up, not the airbrush.

Q: Someone in our group hates photos. Help?

A: Give them a job. Let them hold a bouquet, a prop, or hype the crew. I'll catch their smile before they realise it happened.

Q: Can we bring props?

A: Always. Think corsages, sparklers, vintage shades, or anything that screams "this is us." Inflatable unicorns? We'll negotiate.

Q: What happens if someone blinks in every shot?

A: I blink-proof with edits, retakes, and sheer photographic sorcery. We've got this.

Q: Do you offer refunds if the group implodes halfway through?

A: Nope. But I offer patience, empathy, and angles that strategically crop out chaos.

Q: Can we snack during the shoot?

A: Approved - as long as it's bite-sized and mascara-safe. Full takeaways? Save them for the post-shoot celebration.

Q: We're awkward. Will you help us pose?

A: It's what I do. I guide with cheeky prompts, movement, and just enough direction to help you forget you're being photographed.

Q: Can we wear matching shirts?

A: Sure - but keep it iconic. "Class of Chaos" wins. "I'm with Grumpy"... not so much.

Q: What if someone needs a bathroom break?

A: Normal. We pause, regroup, and pretend it was all part of the cinematic experience.

Q: Do you take serious photos too?

A: Definitely. Drama and elegance are always welcome. But don't be surprised if I sneak in one moment of pure silliness.

Q: Can we recreate an old school photo?

A: Yes please. Bring the throwback image, the outfits, and any props. Bonus points for era-appropriate hairstyles.

Q: Where do you live and how far will you travel?

A: I'm based in sunny Riviera, Pretoria. Shoots within Gauteng include a travel fee of R8 per km to the destination.

Q: Do you offer video?

A: Absolutely. Whether it's reels of glam spins or highlight montages of your night, I've got you covered.

Q: Can we get colour and black & white photos?

A: Yes. Some moments beg for monochrome drama. You'll get a blend - because bold deserves options.

Q: How long until we get our photos?

A: Expect a sneak peek within a few days and the full gallery in 2-3 weeks, depending on the level of sparkle and chaos.

Q: Will our photos be watermarked?

A: No watermarks. You get high-res magic. Just tag me when you share - a little photo credit goes a long way.

Q: Where do we stand on copyright?

A: You can print and share your photos far and wide. I keep the copyright, but think of it like holding the cake without the recipe. You get all the joy.

Q: Can we get the raw, unedited files?

A: Not quite - but you can buy unedited JPEGs of any unchosen shots. They're real, raw, and perfect for nostalgia vibes.

Q: Do you offer weekday sessions?

A: Tuesday to Thursday shoots are ideal - less crowd chaos, more golden light. Weekends open up occasionally too.

Q: How would you describe your style?

A: Storytelling with flair. I blend into the background, then capture the foreground drama - candid joy, cinematic moments, and everything unsaid but felt.

Q: Do you take posed shots too?

A: Of course. We'll get your "everyone look this way" photo - and then dive into the real, fun, and wildly authentic moments that follow.

Q: Can we send a shot list?

A: Please do! Just know that sessions evolve, and the unexpected often becomes the highlight. I blend your list with a dose of spontaneity.

Q: How long have you been in business?

A: Since 2007 - and I still get butterflies with every session. This work matters to me more than you know.

Q: Can you hold a date for us?

A: Only once your deposit lands. First come, first booked. Trust me - my calendar moves fast.

Q: Can we pay part after the shoot?

A: Payment is due before your session. If you need a flexible plan, just reach out - we'll make something work.

Q: What happens if you get sick or can't make it?

A: I take this seriously. If I truly can't show up, a trusted pro with a similar vibe will step in. Backup plans are always locked and loaded.

Q: When should we book?

A: As soon as your date is locked down. My calendar fills quicker than you can say "group photo." Early bookings = peace of mind.

Q: Will you stay longer if we're running late?

A: I'm flexible. Overtime rates apply only with your go-ahead. No surprise fees - just clear communication.