

Private Sitting Information 2019

It's fantastic that you are considering a family portrait sitting with Inspire Photography.

The following information will assist you with the process so please read it then phone the studio on 04 384 8009 to make your booking if you haven't already.

Location choice:

Our studio location provides a simple clean backdrop that is used to bring emphasis on subjects without any distraction. We recommend our studio for new-borns and infants although it does look great with all ages and family groups. Pets on a case by case bases are also welcome in studio. The family home is often a popular location choice for providing a relaxed atmosphere for younger children, incorporating the family pets and often with an emotional attachment looking back in years to come.

The Botanical Gardens, Central Park, Otari-Wilton Bush Reserve and beach locations provide natural outdoor settings with plenty of room to run around and play. Shaded areas are a requirement for all outdoor shoots.

"In my experience, children who are shy and cling to their parents only become more anxious when sat in a darkened studio. I love how the children (and adults) become more relaxed and visibly warm to the session as it evolves"—Simon

Appointment times:

One-hour appointments are available in the studio Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm. Lighting is best for location shoots mid-morning or mid to late afternoon but we can work within times that suit you. Saturday sittings are also available on location or in our studio 10.30am to 4.00pm. Clients with outdoor shoots affected by rain on the day, have the option to come into the studio or reschedule.

Time involved and clothing:

We recommend that you have the whole family present at the shoot, as that will provide you with varied set-ups for the final selection. The shoot will take between 40 minutes to an hour. Our images are shot digitally in colour and converted to black and white later on. We encourage everyone to wear similar tones of clothing. Pastel and light colours are a great as dark colours bring the attention to the person who wears it, so with that in mind, a similar tone of clothing is always beneficial. We specialise in black and white however colour images are also available.

Viewing appointment:

The following week you will be invited to view the photographs. We encourage both parents to attend this appointment where possible, as the selection process often requires a combined decision and payment is required at the time of viewing. You will be assisted with presentation options including the framing of selected images, image cropping and layout. This takes approximately one and a half hours. This process is often made easier if you can make childcare arrangements.

Ordering Process:

From the time that you actually place and pay for your order, it takes approximately four to six weeks for the frames and photographs to be produced. When they are ready we will call you to arrange a collection time. Payment for frames and prints are required in full before the order processing starts.