

# THE MELBA STUDIOS

Firstly we would like to thank you for choosing Melba Studios for your portrait session. It is a big decision to undertake a professional shoot and we would like to assist as much as we can in making it an enjoyable and relaxed experience for you.

*How much time will you need?*

Generally, we allow an hour for each shoot. This is of course an estimate which can change according to individual circumstance. We find that the attention span of younger children will allow for about 40 minutes of photography, during which we may shoot up to 100 images in a spontaneous fun atmosphere, whereas for older families or couples/singles we can afford to spend a little more time ensuring we capture the perfect image.



*Studio or Location?*

Located in Gladesville, we have a purpose built studio for your shoot. Fully air-conditioned and professionally equipped we will be able to shoot whatever the weather outside. We also have some amazing urban locations within 100m of our studio if you are looking for an edgy look. If you do have a location you would like to use, be it a park, beach or even your own home, we can use this to create natural, personal portraits that will be a beautiful memory in years to come.

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## *Clothing Options?*



This is a personal choice for you to make. If you want a family portrait that won't date, we would suggest avoiding bright colours, logos or styles that may be out of fashion in a few years time. Neutral colours always work well, and the classic 'blue jeans and white top' is a great look for a family session.

On the other hand, you may prefer to have the shoot in what you feel comfortable in right now. Remember that this is a long term investment that will be in your family for years to come, so you have to be happy in what you are wearing.

## *Hair and Makeup?*

Yet again, this is a personal choice for you to make. We highly recommend Catwalk if you do wish to have hair and makeup professionally done. They are located within 100m of Melba Studios at 230 Victoria Road, phone 02 9879 6904.

## *What Happens After the Shoot?*

After the shoot, we will arrange a viewing session, which is included as part of your session. This takes place in our studio either immediately after the shoot or, alternatively, a week or so after the photos have been taken. Being such an

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important part of the photographic process as well as being a significant family investment, we find the viewing is best organised at a later date to the shoot, especially if young children or babies are involved as they can get quite tired by the end of the shoot. It helps to have everyone involved in the decision making process at the viewing, and while not absolutely necessary, you may also find it easier to arrange for a time when your children aren't with you allowing for a relaxed viewing enabling you to view, and make the important decisions of selecting, your photos in peace and quiet. (We do have a Wii and dvd's to entertain!)

## *The Viewing.*

We generally allow 1½ hours for your viewing. You are making a lifetime decision and need the time to make the right choices without feeling rushed.

Starting with a slideshow to have a detailed look at all of our selected images, we will then discuss your preferred presentation options and show you some designs incorporating your chosen images to give you a good idea of how the completed pieces will look. It is important to be able to make decisions on the day of your viewing as additional viewing sessions are possible but will incur a \$120 fee. With

this in mind, it helps if you have some idea of the places you are wishing to display your portraits (including any other family members you may be wanting to give gifts to) before coming in for the viewing session.



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## *Payment Options.*

There is, of course, no obligation to buy anything, however we have found that most clients decide to upgrade their initial package to a portrait collection once they have finished the slideshow. Enlargements start at \$175 and framed wall prints at \$375. We also have a range of packages available (please see next page) or we can design a package to suit your needs. Additionally we have available albums, canvases, acrylic wall mounts as well as traditional framing.

Please bear in mind that a minimum deposit of 25% of the final cost is required on the day of the final viewing, and once final payment has been received your collection will be ready to collect within 10 business days. We can accept full payment on the day of the viewing, or alternatively we can organise a payment plan of up to six months.

We look forward to seeing you on the day of your shoot,

Best wishes,

*The Melba Team*

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## White Collection

- 1 - 12 x 18" framed enlargement
- 1 - 8 x 10" mounted enlargements
- 2 - 5 x 7" mounted enlargements
- 2 - wallet size photos

Valued at \$ 1300

**Package price \$995**

## Red Collection

- 1 - Framed Composite with 4 windows
- 1- 16 x 24 Canvas
- 2 - 8 x 10" mounted enlargements
- 2 - 5 x 7" mounted enlargements
- 2 - wallet size photos

Valued at \$ 2270

**Package price \$1595**

## Black Collection

- 1 - Framed Composite with 4 windows
- 1 - 8 x 10" Image Portfolio box included 15 images
- 2 - 12 x 18 or 1 - 20 x 30" Framed Enlargement
- 2 - wallet size photos

Valued at \$ 3620

**Package price \$2195**

Individual print prices for additional prints when ordering packages are  
up to 5 x 7 - \$50 \*\*\*\*\* 8 x 12 - \$95 \*\*\*\*\* 12 x 18 - \$175

**We can also tailor packages to suit from our wide range of products**

Framing - Canvas - Acrylics - Albums - Bags - Jewelry