

Family Filmmaker and Photographer | Melbourne and Beyond

Hello, I'm Cybelle

I am passionate about making meaningful films and photos that are dripping with love for families just like yours.





WHY HIRE ME?

Because you all deserve to be in the frame.

How often does that happen?? Hardly ever. Right! And not only that, it's a chance to really connect with your loved ones. To put away the screens and block out your busy life for just a few hours.

I am giving you permission to slow down and just be present.



MY APPROACH

I have a very easy going approach to photographing and filming families. It is not a traditional portrait session by any means. I will observe your family from afar and you won't notice me much.

You get to be completely immersed in your family. You get to be completely vulnerable with me. I am not here to judge your house or your parenting style. I am here to document you and the way you live with your nearest and dearest.

My work consists of real, genuine moments. I am absolutely so passionate and besotted with capturing real life. I am able to capture these moments because when I am at your home I generally just blend into your family day. Sort of like a friend coming over to play... but with my camera.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Once we've confirmed your session I'll send through some information on how to best prepare.

A few weeks before your shoot I'll send through a questionnaire so that I can better understand your family and lifestyle. Please be as honest and open in answering so that I can get a genuine understanding of your life. My job as an artist is to present images that are a true representation and are meaningful to you.

The week leading up to your shoot I'll give you a call (or video chat - which ever you prefer) so I can get to know you a little better, go through your questionnaire, talk about any queries you may have and to confirm your session. So please, if you have any questions this is the time to ask.

As we all know kids and adults can suddenly get sick. In this case please let me know as soon as you possibly can. I will also let you know as soon as I can if one of my family members is sick and we will reschedule.

Within 6-8 weeks of your session (2-4 weeks if just photos) you will receive an email with your viewing gallery link and a download option for your film on Vimeo.

You'll get to view and choose your images.



ON THE DAY OF THE SHOOT

When I arrive, I will spend a few moments hanging out with you all. Once everyone is comfortable and feels a little more relaxed, I'll grab my camera and start taking pictures of your family playing.

For best results the general idea is not to look at the camera. Of course you will from time to time and that's ok, but please do not ask the kiddos to look at me and smile. There is no need for anyone to perform for me. My style of photography is to capture genuine moments and real interactions between you.

If you would like to get some photos of you all in the frame together "portrait style" I can do this at the beginning whilst the kids clothes are still clean. Again I am not really a photographer that gets everyone to look in my direction. I will ask you to choose a place that is comfy for everyone and you can play a whisper game or tell the kids how you and your partner met, or stories of the day they were born...something that you'll all be interested in.



You don't have to actually be doing *anything* on the day. Just being present with each other is enough to get moments of connection.

It can be something as simple as you all brushing your teeth together. Hanging out the washing while your children run through the sheets. Giving the baby a bath. Or even the parents sitting on the back step having a cuppa watching the kids ride their bikes and play on the tramp. Normal every day things. I generally don't recommend parks, simply because it's hard to get connections here. The play equipment is sized for smaller humans, plus there's usually other families around and we want to keep this shoot about you!

If you've never had a videographer/photographer come and document your time, you may be feeling nervous about someone coming into your personal space do this for you. That's why I think it's important to get to know each other first as best as we can with a phone chat. Video chat is even better as the kids can also get to know my face.

I promise you, that the kids will have fun and you can relax during this shoot. It's not a shoot where everyone has to be on their best behaviour. Not everyone has to remain clean. The house does not have to remain tidy!!Let the kids just be kids. I understand that kids have meltdowns (and sometimes adults can too) and that's ok! I have been there. Whilst I think there is importance in capturing the lows as well as the highs I know there is a line not to cross and I will pop my camera away for a time. I am very good at getting on kids' level and communicating with them to understand their needs on the day.



FAMILY FILMS

Artfully assembled time capsule \$1800

or 4 payments of \$450

what's included

All pre session planning - consultation, wardrobe + location advice

3 hours shooting

3-5 minute family film

hand selected licensed music

post production editing and colour grading

BONUS fully edited images

bamboo usb for safe keeping

A 25% non-refundable booking fee is required to reserve your spot.

Remaining total is due the day of the shoot.

You may be thinking why are films so expensive?

Films take much more time. From editing, colour grading, sound design and music selection. It's all artfully sewn together over hours and hours.

Know though, that you will never ever regret having a family film made of your family.

It's one of the best investments you'll ever make.

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FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY My Story

My Story

Storytelling images \$1100

Or 4 payments of \$275

3 hour shooting

For newborn & family

70 images

In home or on ocation

Downloadable gallery

Keepsake bamboo USB

Mini Delight

Storytelling images \$800

or 4 payments of \$200

1 hours shooting

For newborn & smaller families

20 images

In home or on location

Downloadable gallery

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HOW TO BOOK

Thanks so much for enquiring
I really do look forward to working with you and your family.

