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GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

1. Rabbi Shmuel & Rivki Karnowsky are dedicated to making your wedding experience an enjoyable, enriching and meaningful one, please call Rabbi Shmuel on 9531 1945 with any queries about your forthcoming wedding.
2. The first step is to complete the online marriage authorisation form found here: www.bethdin.com.au/marriage-authorisation.html.
3. Complete the online Shule Marriage Application form here www.elwoodshule.org/3918867, as soon as possible to ensure early confirmation of your booking.
4. In addition to the forms mentioned above, the couple need to complete the “Notice of intended Marriage” Government form, which by law must be received by the Rabbi at least 30 days before the date of the ceremony. This form will be made available to you at your first meeting with the Rabbi.
5. The bridal couple must arrange for at least 2 or 3 (or more if desired) meetings with the Rabbi. The first meeting should be arranged at the earliest opportunity (after the application form has been lodged). It is strongly suggested that no arrangements for the wedding be finalised until after this meeting. In all events the Rabbi must be consulted before a date and time for the actual marriage ceremony can be finalised and confirmed.
6. Please bring the following documents with you to the first meeting with Rabbi Shmuel.
 - a. The full birth certificates of both bride and groom showing names of natural parents.
 - b. Where there has been a change of name by deed poll, documentary evidence to this effect.
 - c. Drivers License of both bride and groom
 - d. Where either bride or groom was previously married, details of all previous marriage(s), number and ages of any children from previous marriage(s) and official evidence of death, or civil and religious divorces.

In cases where any of the requested documentation or information is not readily available, the Rabbi’s advice should be sought at the earliest opportunity.

7. Once your application has been approved and accepted, it will be necessary to arrange a number of meetings with the Rabbi in preparation for the wedding and married life. A final meeting will take place a few weeks before the wedding in order to discuss and finalise details concerning preparations for the wedding and the actual ceremony. Parents of the bride and groom are encouraged to attend this final meeting.
8. Weddings can be conducted at any reasonable venue outside Elwood Shule but the Rabbi is unable to perform weddings in the same hall or venue where a non-Kosher reception will be held.

9. Arrangements concerning the Rabbi's presence at, or participation in, the function following the ceremony must be confirmed with the Rabbi at the first meeting or as soon as possible thereafter.
10. The importance of arranging a kosher reception following such a meaningful and Jewish occasion as a wedding ceremony cannot be over-emphasized. If there are any problems at all in this regard, please discuss them with the Rabbi before finalising arrangements. The Rabbi cannot attend any function that is not under Orthodox Rabbinical supervision.
11. As part of the traditional preparation for the wedding, the bride is expected to attend the Mikvah. Brides will have the opportunity to discuss all details of this Mitzvah with Rebbetzin Rivki Karnowsky. An appointment with Rivki should be made by phoning 0433 676 301. Rabbi Shmuel will provide further general information during the various meetings.

Please retain this information for your reference and return the Application Form duly completed and signed to:

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