

Darlington Estate Weddings Terms and Conditions

1. Introduction

These terms and conditions outline the rules and regulations for weddings celebrated at Darlington Estate. By booking Darlington Estate as your wedding venue, you agree that you have carefully read and will strictly comply with these terms and conditions.

2. Tentative Bookings

Tentative bookings will be held by Darlington Estate for a period of not more than seven days from your written request to hold a date. If no contact is made from you after the seven days, the date will be released again.

3. Wedding Deposit

Should you go decide to proceed with a booking, a non-refundable deposit of \$2,000 is required to be paid to secure your date. By submitting the deposit, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions form provided to you.

This deposit is deducted from the final payment and is not an additional charge.

4. Cancellation Fees

In the unfortunate event of a cancellation, written notice is required.

Darlington Estate charges the following cancellation fees:

- Notice with more than 90 days is the forfeiting on the deposit.
- Notice with less than 90 days is 50% of the minimum spend.
- Notice with less than 60 days is 75% of the minimum spend.
- Notice with less than 30 days is 100% of the minimum spend.

A change of date or postponement of an event will be treated as a cancellation (see COVID-19 exception below); and above-mentioned fees apply.

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5. Conditions Pertaining to COVID-19

In specific response to weddings being affected by COVID-19 restrictions, for example issues with venue guest numbers, lockdown periods, and air travel for interstate and international guests, Darlington Estate agrees to postpone (if requested) the wedding date to a future, similar (in terms of date, pricing, and guest number) date in conjunction with the requirements of the marrying couple.

- A 30-day notice is required to avoid any loss of monies being transferred to the new date.
- Less than 30 days may incur a small fee for costs.

If the couple wishes to cancel the event completely, the fees listed above will apply in the case of the COVID-19 pandemic and any future pandemics.

6. Venue Fee

6.1 Ceremony

A venue fee of \$600 is charged for the ceremony and includes the following:

- Use of the gazebo or tiered area for 90 minutes from 4:00 pm guest arrival.
- Additional hours prior to 4:00 pm is charged at a flat rate of \$250 per half hour or part thereof.
- Thirty chairs – cross back white chairs
- A wine barrel, or table and 2 chairs for signing documents.
- If the day of your wedding is forecast to rain, or if there is even a slight chance of rain, your ceremony area will have to move to our Gazebo ceremony area, and this is non-negotiable. This will be decided upon or before the day of your wedding.

6.2 Reception

A venue fee of \$1,400 is charged for the reception and includes the following:

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- Private use of Darlington Estate for your reception for 6.5 hours (from 5.30pm, with a midnight latest finish).
- Elegant white clothed tables, linen napkins, crockery and cutlery, and chairs.
- Fairy lights and festoon lights around the entire estate are included by default.
- A clothed speech barrel, and a cake table or barrel.
- Full complement to our professional service staff.
- Free unlimited parking.
- Access required after your agreed guest departure time for removal of hired items is charged at a flat rate of \$250 per half hour or part thereof.

Darlington Estate is a rustic venue with several different areas and surfaces. Some of these surfaces are uneven. We have placed several warning notices about the uneven surfaces around the venue.

You may wish to alert your guests to the rustic nature of the venue and the flooring so that they wear appropriate footwear and take care when they are walking around the venue.

All visits to the winery for florist, photography or second viewings must be by appointment only.

7. Latest Guest Departure Times

The ceremony and reception fee (\$600 + \$1,400) are for an 8-hour private venue hire. This is calculated from the guest arrival to final guest departure.

The bar closes at 11:30 pm and final guests must vacate by departure 12:00 am at the latest.

This equates to a 4:00 pm guest arrival, latest, to make for an 8-hour event.

Reception

What do we provide for your reception?

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For a **seated** dinner reception, we provide chairs, tables, linen tablecloths, linen napkins, crockery and cutlery, glassware. A gift table and a cake table or wine barrel is also included, plus a speech barrel.

For a **cocktail** reception we can provide cross back chairs and trestle tables, with tablecloths. A gift table and a cake table or wine barrel is also included, plus a speech barrel.

You will also enjoy the full complement of our dedicated service staff.

Free parking is available on the Estate. Fairy lights are also included by default. A cocktail reception may decide to hire tall tables, extra wine barrels, stools, and soft furnishings.

Delivery and collection of all hired furniture must be done by appointment on the day and on immediate conclusion of the event.

Access required after your agreed guest departure time for removal of hired items is charged at a flat rate of \$250 per half hour or part thereof.

What **DON'T** we provide?

It is your responsibility to arrange a florist, DJ/musicians, an on-the-day decorator to lay out your tabletop items and gift table items, plus other decorative effects, cake, cake knife and server, place names, vases, candles, tea lights, gift table items, menus, seating plan, microphone, audio equipment and arbour.

These are to be delivered and set up on the day of your wedding by your stylist; we will provide access to do this 2-hours prior to your guest arrival. Additional time may be available upon request.

All contractors must be insured with public liability provisions, have requisite industry qualifications if working at height or with electrical items.

If you are hiring external tablecloths and linen instead of using ours, they must be delivered at least 48 hours before your wedding.

We do not provide a personal dedicated wedding coordinator for the day of your event. Instead, Darlington Estate's events coordinator will assist you in organizing your special day leading up to the event. On the day of your wedding, our expert team will manage and execute the event based on your final run-sheet.

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Please note that Darlington Estate is not responsible for any assumed services that have not been explicitly promised or outlined in our agreement.

8. Payment Structure

A short time after receiving your deposit payment, an invoice will be generated on your minimum spend. Payments can commence at any time after receiving this invoice.

All credit cards, except Diners Card are accepted.

They will incur a surcharge of 1.5%.

American Express card payments incur a surcharge of 3%.

Bank account details:

Corner House Trust

National Australia Bank

BSB: 086-006

Account: 325761684

Payment Plan

1st Stage Payment (90 days before event) – 50% of running total

2nd Stage Payment (60 days before event) - 25% of running total

Final payment (30 days before event) - Remaining balance after adjustment

9. Guest Attendance and Confirmed Details

Final numbers of guests are to be advised 30 days prior to the function. This number is required for catering purposes and will be the minimum number for which we charge. We suggest that you try and fill in the spots of guests who cancel as we cannot refund or transfer the cost to a bar tab.

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An invoice will be generated on final numbers at this stage and full payment is expected immediately.

You are expected to supply any dietary requirements and menu choices at this time along with your seating plan. Surprise dietaries on the actual day will incur an additional charge per meal ordered, this can be covered by the guests themselves or by you, the hosts.

10. Menus

All menus that are sent to print **MUST** be pre-approved by Darlington Estate. For an alternate drop menu there can be no pre-ordering by guests.

The wedding couple's selection of Entrée, Main and Dessert are the meals served with variations for allergies and intolerances only. Example, if a vegetarian meal is not one of the two main dishes that have been selected by the wedding couple for their guests, then vegetarians and vegan meals are chef's choice on the day. Menus are not required for cocktail functions.

We cater for dietary requirements only with prior information. It is the responsibility of the guest to inform you of any dietary requirements including allergies. If we are informed on the day of any requirement, we may not be able to accommodate the guest's request.

Surprise dietaries on the actual day will incur an additional charge per meal ordered, this can be covered by the guests themselves or by you, the hosts.

- Details must be confirmed (30) days prior to the event.
- Darlington Estate endeavors to accommodate special dietary requirements for guests who have food allergies and intolerances. While every effort will be made by our committed team of chefs, guests are responsible for their own actions regarding food whilst at Darlington Estate.

11. Dietary Requirements

Whilst Darlington Estate endeavours to accommodate requests for special meals for customers who have food allergies and intolerances (seated dinner receptions only), we cannot guarantee completely allergy-free meals. This is due to potential trace allergens in

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the working environment and supplied ingredients. Darlington Estate will cater for any guests with special dietary requirements, i.e., vegetarian, vegan, gluten and/or lactose free, allergies or religious requirements at no extra charge.

If your wedding has guests with dietary requirements, you must provide a seating plan with place cards for every guest.

Please note:

- Individual dietary requirements or allergies are not catered for with cocktail/canape menus
- We do not cater for buffet style weddings
- We do not permit external food suppliers other than wedding cake

12. Children

Children's meals (age 2-10 years) are available for \$35pp for seated receptions.

Please see our Wedding Information Guide for the menu. All children attending must have the same meal.

Cocktail receptions can discuss children's food requirements with Darlington Estate directly.

Due to health & safety regulations and public liability concerns, all children must be always supervised by a responsible adult. Guests who continually allow their child/ren to cause disturbances or pose a risk will be asked to remove their child/ren from the venue. Children must not be left unattended in vehicles on the premises.

13. Wedding Cake

Our staff at Darlington Estate will not handle or assemble your wedding cake. Cake makers must deliver the cake directly to the table or barrel and Darlington Estate cannot be held responsible for any damage caused to the cake whilst in situ. Refrigeration, storage, or removal of leftover cake is not the responsibility of Darlington Estate.

Darlington Estate does not provide a cake knife or server, you must bring your own, or select it as part of your wedding cake package with your cake provider.

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14. Tea/Coffee

A plunger coffee and tea station can be arranged for your guests during dessert service at additional cost of \$5.50 per cup for each guest. We do require a minimum of order of 25 cups to be pre-ordered for this station. There is a maximum of 75 cups for order. The station consists of self-serve English Breakfast tea and black coffee brewed in a percolator, full cream and skim milks, and sugar and stevia. Alternative milks can be arranged at an additional cost.

15. 'Exclusive Use' of Venue

The defined exclusive use areas are from our conservatory/bridal lounge, our ceremony areas, reception hall, and toilets. No other customers will be served in these areas during the following exclusive use times.

Darlington Estate has on-site accommodation located near our vineyards. There may be accommodation guests in the house and at times at the carpark during your event, however no external guests will be allowed in your definite exclusive use areas.

Exclusive use is for 6.5 hours ONLY for reception, 8 hours for ceremony AND reception, any time over this period will be charged \$250 per half hour, including extra time required for removal of hired items, if any.

Unless you have booked to use the accommodation, there will be no access past the gates beside the Gazebo due to privacy concerns with our accommodation guests.

16. Access to Natural Bushland

Darlington Estate is nestled amidst the stunning natural landscapes of Darlington Hills, offering numerous picturesque locations ideal for capturing memorable photos. We invite our couples to explore and utilize these beautiful spots for their special moments.

Please be advised that the footpaths leading to these photo spots may be uneven, rocky, and/or sandy. We urge all visitors to exercise caution and respect the natural grounds when accessing these areas.

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Important Safety Information:

- Exercise extra precautions while navigating the footpaths.
- Wear appropriate footwear to ensure stability and comfort.
- Be mindful of your surroundings to prevent slips or falls.

Darlington Estate will not accept responsibility for any injuries that may occur in these areas. Your safety is important to us, and we encourage all visitors to take the necessary precautions to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

17. Conservatory/Bridal Lounge

The use of the conservatory/bridal lounge is complimentary to all couples.

18. Event Set-Up

Set up MUST be on the day 2 hours before ceremony (or by specific alternative arrangement), and pack down at the conclusion of the event. Additional time is strictly by prior agreement and may incur a fee.

Florists must clean up any debris they make and dispose of away from the premises.

It is your personal responsibility to organise the drop-off times of your hired items with your vendors.

Darlington Estate accepts no responsibility for any late deliveries by external vendors.

18.1 Hanging Installations

All fixed floral and/or electrical installations must be pre-advised, and the method of affixing agreed to.

Floral, electric lights or any hanging installations must be done by a professional with insurance, industry permits and their own ladders and equipment. Any installation requires a detailed plan pre-submitted for approval, including method of hanging and materials used. Darlington Estate does not store any items used by vendors to set up the venue.

Darlington Estate does not accept any responsibility for items missing or broken.

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A vendor that causes damage to the property will be notified to you, and the cost of repair borne by you.

All installations must be removed on the night, unless by prior approval. Please arrange a quote from your vendor for this.

Please note that pampas grass is not permitted at this venue.

18.2 Courtesy Favours

Darlington Estate offers courtesy favours such as placing down your menus, bonbonnières and place cards. We will require these items to be delivered before 1 p.m on the day of your wedding and place cards to be arranged in order based on tables. Should you require us to perform these favours with place cards not in order, there will be an **additional fee of \$150 charged.**

18.3 Display and Signage

Nothing shall be nailed, stapled, screwed, or adhered to any door, wall, ceiling, fixture or surface at Darlington Estate. Permission must be sought to hang anything. Please make sure your florist is aware of this and liaises with Darlington Estate regarding the full details of their services.

19. Vendors

You are expected to provide the names and contact details of all suppliers who will be delivering a service for you at Darlington Estate. The vendor is required to provide a comprehensive description of the work they are contracted to do.

Drop off and pick up times are pre-arranged. Collection at the time of guest departure of all decorative items/hired chairs/flowers are expected unless a prior arrangement is made. All items not picked up within 48 hours will be disposed of.

20. Run Sheet

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It is your responsibility to ensure that your photographer, MC and DJ's run sheets are the same as the venue run sheet. Any changes must be communicated to the venue to be approved. Darlington Estate will not accept any responsibility if last-minute event changes are made without being brought to our attention prior to your wedding day.

21. Vendor Meetings

Meetings you arrange with vendors must be offsite unless prior arrangement has been made with Darlington Estate.

22. Rehearsal Times

Rehearsals are conducted on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday and are strictly by appointment only (excluding Public Holidays) between 10.00am and 3.00pm as we are closed to the general public during these times. If this arrangement is unsuitable, we cannot guarantee an alternative day/time will be offered however we will do our best to accommodate you.

If rehearsal takes place Thursday – Saturday, a fee may be charged.

Rehearsals cannot not be on the same day as a wedding.

A rehearsal is restricted to the ceremony area and should be no more than 60 minutes.

- Wedding ceremony rehearsals are not attended by any Darlington Estate staff
- The rehearsal is intended for the wedding party and celebrant only
- Please respect the privacy of accommodation guests at these times

23. Dance Floor

Darlington Estate does not provide portable dance floors. Dance floors can be hired from an outside vendor, but it is not essential. If the day of your wedding is forecast to rain, or if there is even a slight chance of rain, your hired dance floor will be set up inside and this is non-negotiable.

24. Set up and Pack Away

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It is your responsibility to organise a Vendor to set up your ceremony and reception area. Set up times are strictly on the same day of the event on the day at a time agreed upon by Darlington Estate (default is 2 hours prior to guest arrival).

Packing away of all large items must be done at the conclusion of the function by your vendor.

Darlington Estate accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage or breakage to any item left overnight. Darlington Estate do not 'sign off' on items, the contract for all hiring and services provided are between the couple and the vendor.

It is your responsibility to advise Vendors that pick up of their items must be done at or prior to the time of guest departure, or a pre-arranged time, and there is NO handling by Darlington Estate unless by prior arrangement and a fee charged.

Reminder: Indoor access required after your agreed guest departure time for removal of hired items is charged at a flat rate of \$250 per half hour or part thereof.

25. Cleaning Fees

As we are in a natural bush setting, confetti are restricted to small amounts of natural leaf confetti, such as gum leaves. Flower petals, streamers, glitter, rice, or confetti cannons are strictly prohibited at Darlington Estate. If this rule is breached, then a fee of \$300 is charged.

A rare event, but important enough to remind you nonetheless that should we be required to clean up after a guest if they vomit, then a fee of **\$300 is charged.**

26. Transport

Guests requiring a taxi are advised to pre-book in advance. All guests must have left the premises by 12.00 midnight.

Darlington Estate is an approximate 35-minute drive from Perth CBD and Crown Towers Perth.

A bus hire & charter is recommended to transport your guests back to their main place of

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accommodation or city center upon the conclusion of your event from Darlington Estate.

Our recommended bus hire company is:

Thomson Coachlines

www.thomsoncoachlines.com.au

coach@thommo.net

(08) 9493 6199

(08) 9459 9177 (Fax)

27. Alcohol Consumption and Responsible Service of Alcohol

- Darlington Estate Choice Wines and Tap Beers

All Darlington Estate Choice Wines and Tap Beers are subject to availability, and management reserves the right to substitute any wines or beers when necessary.

Any guest showing signs of intoxication will be refused service whether a drinks package is in place or not.

28. Drink Packages

Our drink packages commence at a pre-arranged time. There is a strict start and end time, and this will be adhered to. Guests will not be permitted to 'stockpile' drinks such as ordering bottles of wine close to the time when the package ends.

Announcement of last drink 15 minutes or less before the package ends / bar closes either by your DJ or MC, is not permitted. This causes a rush and stress to both your guests and staff and does not leave for a memorable experience.

Alcohol consumed outside of the package must be any of the following and your preferred option advised in advance:

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- Cash Bar where guests buy their own.
- Bar Tab with Credit Card details provided before the event.

28.1 Monetary Tab Conversions

The conversion of a duration bar package to a monetary tab is offered at the sole discretion of venue management and is not guaranteed. Any unused balance remaining at the conclusion of the event is non-refundable.

In some circumstances, venue management may elect to honour an unused balance as a goodwill gesture in the form of an alternative offering. This is entirely at the discretion of management and does not constitute an entitlement or precedent for future events.

Please note: All guests over the age of 18 will be included in any drink packages. We do not make exceptions for adults who make a personal choice for any reason to not drink alcohol.

29. Outside Alcohol and Smoking

All alcohol is supplied by Darlington Estate. There is a strictly no BYO provision, which includes spirits, alcohol bonbonnières and gifts (other than take home gifts).

We are licensed within our restaurant and gardens, but there are restrictions according to boundaries approved by Racing, Gaming and Liquor.

There is a designated smoker's corner at the estate, no smoking should take place anywhere else on the grounds. We do not take littering of buds lightly. Should cigarette buds be found in a non-smoking area after your wedding, a fee may be charged.

30. Guests at Ceremony Only

If you are having guests at your ceremony only and not seated reception, they will be charged the minimum drinks pack of \$20 per person. A cocktail reception does not have the ability to charge for guests that only stay for a short time, all guests will be charged at the full rate.

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31. Noise Policy and Hazards

Smoking, sparklers, and naked flames

Darlington Estate is in a high-risk area in relation to bush fires. Sparklers and naked flames are Strictly Prohibited in any external location between October and April in accordance with DFES and any changes they make depending on weather conditions (Darlington Estate reserve the right to extend these times at their own discretion).

Candles on the interior of the property may be used on tabletops however, they must be properly enclosed inside glass hurricane vases with a difference of 5cm from height of flame to top of glass, and no wax must be able to leak.

Permission to use sparklers between May and September must be approved by Management.

We have a designated outdoor smoking area with butt buckets provided. Please use them.

If guests are seen acting in a dangerous manner, they will be asked to leave the premises.

Music

Darlington Estate is a popular wedding venue located in the Perth Hills.

We have a large acreage, but we do have neighbours on three sides. Not only do we pride ourselves on being one of the premium venues in WA, we also like to be good neighbours. When DJs, Bands or musicians play, we have the following rules:

The following is information that your music provider (DJ and/or live musicians) needs to be sent prior to your event.

Darlington Estate Noise Policy

1. The decibel reading at our gate must not exceed 55 decibels at all times. DJ's and bands are expected to do a soundcheck to ensure this.
2. No sub woofers allowed.
3. Bass to be turned very low at all times.
4. Speakers to be set up facing the restaurant building, not towards the bush.

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5. Speakers to be tilted forward to direct the sound towards the ground, as much as possible.
6. Volume of speakers to be set to a reasonable level.
7. Darlington Estate staff will monitor noise levels throughout the evening. If it is deemed too loud, you will be asked to turn it down.
8. If you do not reduce the volume to the level requested, we reserve the right to turn the music off.
9. Music **MUST** be turned off 30 minutes before guest departure time, no later, no exceptions.
10. Live bands with drum kits, brass instruments, electric guitars etc must play in the indoor area.

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