

# PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS for kids



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Hi, I'm Natarsha March, award-winning baby whisperer, toddler wrangler, and professional memory-maker based in Brisbane. I've been photographing families, babies, and all the beautiful chaos in between since 2012.

I created this guide to help everyday legends (like you!) take better photos of the moments that matter—whether it's school assemblies, art projects, or that toothy Year 2 grin.

You don't need fancy gear - just a good eye, some tips, and maybe a wipe for that mystery smear on the lens.

When I'm not behind the camera, you'll find me chauffeuring my two soccer-mad daughters or eating the good snacks I told them we were "out of."

Want the real deal done for you? I'd love to help.



# Phone Camera Tips

## Discover the Rule of Thirds

Imagine a tic-tac-toe board on your photo. Try putting the interesting stuff where the lines cross, it makes your photo look cooler!



## Set the focus

Tap the screen on what you want to be sharp. You can even try locking focus to blur the front or back for a cool effect!

## Discover more about exposure

Changing the exposure makes your photo lighter or darker. Take the same pic with different settings to see what looks best!



## Try using HDR mode

HDR helps show more detail in both bright and dark parts of your photo. It makes everything look more even!

## Practice makes Pro

You won't get the perfect photo every time, and that's ok! Try different settings, angles, and lighting until you learn what works. Mistakes = learning!





# DSLR Camera Tips

## F Stop (Aperture)

This controls how much light comes in. Small number = more light and blurrier background. Big number = less light and more in focus.



## Shutter Speed

This is how fast your camera takes the photo.  
Fast = great for action shots  
Slow = cool blur effects, but don't move too much or it'll go fuzzy.



## ISO

This helps brighten your photo.  
Low ISO = clear photo (great for sunny days).  
High ISO = brighter but a bit grainy (like a dusty filter).



## Lenses

Wanna level up? A 50mm lens is perfect for close-up photos of friends or siblings.



## Modes

Most DSLRs have fun modes like Portrait, Sports, or Night. These help you figure out what settings to use in different situations, like fast action or low light.



# GENERAL TIPS FOR taking better photos



## LIGHTING

Good light = good photo. Too much or too little can ruin it. Use shadows to make it arty!

## BACKGROUND

Check your background doesn't have distractions like rubbish bins or pooping dogs.

## FOCUS

Blurry photos happen from movement or bad focus. Use more light or adjust settings to sharpen it up.

## ANGLES

Shoot from above, below, or even lying down. Mix it up to make it more interesting!

## CROPS

Crop your photo into a square, circle, or panorama. No rule says it has to stay how it was taken.



## CLEAN YOUR LENS

A dirty lens = blurry, foggy photos. Give it a wipe (shirt corner works in a pinch – just don't tell a pro!).

## MOVE DON'T ZOOM

Step closer instead of zooming. You'll get better detail and more connection.