

Snap happy bride in focus



Past student, Tessa Eckersley (08) is renowned for her wedding photography and has snapped many memorable moments for Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School alumni on their wedding days.

This time though, Tessa was on the other side of the camera for her recent wedding to David Prosser (08). The pair were married on their Ferguson Valley property in October last year in a setting chosen for lifelong memories. *"The most special part of our wedding was knowing that we could always remember the day just by looking out our window,"* Tessa explained. The entrepreneurial couple also built their own barn with friends for the reception and spent a few days prior to the day decorating, building and laughing.

Tessa moved back to the South West in 2017, launching her business: Tessa Eckersley Photo, which specialises in wedding photography and runs alongside Cabin Creative, her graphic design studio.

According to Tessa, establishing her own business has been her biggest accomplishment since graduating from Bunbury Grammar 13 years ago. *"Starting my own business and being my own boss has definitely been the most challenging yet best achievement,"* she said. Believing in herself and her ability to 'act now, think after' has been the key to her success. *"I think I have always believed in myself and have an 'act now, think after' attitude when it comes to my job. It means I get myself into trouble sometimes, however, I know that I can always get through anything if I just put my head down and stay calm,"* Tessa reflected.

For her wedding this year, Tessa used fellow Bunbury Grammar student, Hannah Jones (06) from Keeper Creative to capture their special wedding moments. Being on the other side of the lens was a different but enjoyable experience for Tessa. *"I loved being on the other side: I was excited to go for a little wander and just let Hannah take photos of us. I suppose I was not too worried about posing or 'getting my best angle' as I knew the best photos were always the natural and candid shots,"* she said.

The wedding was celebrated with friends and family, including an old Grammarian bridal party.

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