

*Gallery One Photo School*  
**Taking Your Camera Off Automatic**

This is an introductory class for everyone who wants to understand how to use the controls on their camera.

**Next class: Check the website for the date of the next class**

<http://galleryone.co.nz/classes-in-tauranga/taking-your-camera-off-automatic/>

Six evening sessions (once a week) and a half day fieldtrip

Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Venue: Arts and Crafts Centre – 177 Elizabeth Street.

Fieldtrip (optional): Saturday morning, (check the website for the date or contact [galleryone@xtra.co.nz](mailto:galleryone@xtra.co.nz))

**Topics:**

- \* Holding your camera steady
- \* Focusing accurately,
- \* Understanding how the focal length affects your photo.
- \* Composition - some ideas for making your photos more dynamic
- \* Depth of field - an important key to successful photography (aperture)
- \* Photographing moving objects (shutter speed)
- \* Understanding the relationship between aperture and shutter speed
- \* How to get the right exposure
- \* Storing and Caring for your camera and photos
- \* Displaying Your Photos

**You will need:**

- \* A camera which allows you to choose both aperture and shutter speeds and preferably also has a manual mode. This includes the top end digital prosumer cameras and digital SLRs. If your camera is a point and shoot model which is easy to use because the camera makes most of the decisions you will not be able to do parts of this course. If you are unsure if your camera is suitable please contact me: Gallery One: Ph 07 544 9472
- \* Your camera manual
- \* Photos can be emailed in for review or printed or handed in on a memory card.

**Is this the course for you? Yes....**

- \* if you have just got a new camera and you want to learn how to take good photos with it. See the section on "You Will Need"
- \* if you have taken lots of photos but have always left your camera on the automatic setting then this course will encourage you to use the other settings so you will have more control over the final photo.
- \* if you want to do the 'Beyond the Basics' course later. To do this course successfully you must know the basic controls of your camera, understand depth of field, know how to focus your camera both automatically and manually, and understand the relationship between aperture and shutter speed. If you were doubtful about any of these, you should do this course first.

**How the classes work**

You can only learn so much by reading books and attending classes but to really learn about photography you have to put that learning into practice and this means going out with your camera whenever possible and taking photos. Each of the classes includes practical assignments for you to practise during the week. To complete your learning you need to be able to look at your photos and understand which are the good ones and what you could have done to improve the others.

Each class starts with a review of student's work to help achieve this. During the classes you will learn more about how your camera works and what it can and cannot do.

**Course Fee:**

\$150

**Enrolment**

Enrolment is essential as we try to keep the number of people being accepted for this course to about 12. (Minimum number is 6) This is to allow individual time with the tutors as needed. Places are allocated in the order in which the enrolment form and course fee are received. To secure a place on the course please complete the enrolment form and pay the course fee (information about payment on the Enrolment Page or contact me to make alternative arrangements