Dear

You have taken the first step towards a vastly improved lifestyle free of glasses and contact lenses. They give you the vision you desire, but you would prefer to dispense with the cost and inconvenience of optical aids or perhaps just don’t like the way you look or feel in them.

Specialist Eye Centre can provide you with a Premium Vision Correction solution that is tailored to your eyes and your needs.

By choosing Specialist Eye Centre you will have the convenience of pre-assessment and all your post-operative care close to home, whilst having the peace of mind that your surgery is performed in a fully accredited Sydney- based Laser Suite, with access to the safest Lasik technique - Blade-free Lasik with Intralase technology.

Technologically-advanced surgical techniques mean that you can return home the same day, with 90% of your visual recovery occurring in the first 24-48 hours.

The current cost of Laser Vision Correction through Specialist Eye Centre varies between $2950 and $3100 per eye, when you have surgery on two eyes. This includes post-operative consultations for 6 months and enhancements/“touch-ups” for 12 months. Your initial consultation cost of $220 is potentially refundable**\*** making the overall cost between $2790 and $2990 per eye. Payment plans are also available. Some health funds are paying benefits. Your tax agent can tell you if you are entitled to a medical expenses tax rebate.

Specialist Eye Centre prides itself on the expertise and skill of its surgeons, as well as the friendly, attentive service we provide.

Dr Glen Fernando [MBBS (First Class Honours), FRANZCO] is the principal of Specialist Eye Centre, and is a comprehensive ophthalmologist with extensive surgical experience. He has been resident in Bathurst for over 8 years now, providing quality ophthalmic care to the Central West community.

At the initial consultation (which can take up to 2 hours) you will have an extremely detailed and thorough examination of your eyes. State-of-the-art diagnostic equipment will help assess your suitability for laser vision correction, or alternative techniques. **No referral is necessary**. Your surgeon, Dr Glen Fernando, will discuss your options with you and be able to answer any questions you may have.

If you already have an appointment for a Premium Vision Correction clinic, your appointment card will be attached. If not, and you would like to discuss what we can do for you, you can contact us on 02 6331 3989.

We look forward to meeting you and helping you meet your visual goals.

Yours Sincerely,

The Team at Specialist Eye Centre

\*Conditions apply. Your surgical fee will be reduced by $220 if you have both eyes treated on the same day (within 6 months of the initial consultation) and settle your account within 7 days of surgery.

**CHECKLIST FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT**

* Please do not wear your contact lenses for a minimum of 3 days prior if you are a soft contact lens wearer, or 2 weeks if you wear soft toric lenses or 3 weeks for Rigid Gas Permeable/ Hard lenses. Contact lens wear can distort your corneas slightly and affect detailed measurements.
* Bring your most up-to-date pair of spectacles as well as readers (if you have them), and your contact lens powers.
* Bring a pair of sunglasses with you to prevent glare, as your pupils will be dilated for examination.
* It is not advisable to drive immediately following your consultation. You may need to wait at least an hour for your eyes to adjust before driving, or have someone to drive you home.
* Please make arrangements to pay for your consultation on the day. The cost is $220. Accepted methods of payment are cash, cheque, MasterCard, Visa or EFTPOS.
* **Referrals are not necessary**, but if you do have one from your GP or optometrist, please bring it with you.

Please complete the bottom section of this form and inform us **prior** to your appointment if you have answered “ NO” to any of the questions. It may save you an unnecessary consultation. **Please bring it with you to your appointment.**

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|  | YES | NO |
| I am at least 20 years old |  |  |
| I am younger than 60 years old |  |  |
| I see clearly with my glasses or contact lenses on |  |  |
| My script for contact lenses or glasses has remained unchanged for at least one year |  |  |
| I am not pregnant or breast feeding |  |  |
| I do not suffer from glaucoma, cataracts or severe dry eye |  |  |
| I do not have (to my knowledge) corneal scarring or keratoconus |  |  |
| I do not have a history of ocular herpes (cold sores in the eye) |  |  |
| I do not have diabetes or an auto-immune condition such as Rheumatoid Arthritis |  |  |
| I am not taking corticosteroid or immune-suppressing medication |  |  |
| I do not scar badly (keloid) after skin wounds/abrasions |  |  |
| I have realistic expectations, and realise that refractive surgery entails some risk |  |  |