

# SENIOR PORTRAIT FAQ

## MUST I USE THE SCHOOL-SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHER?

All seniors must use Lyrn Kay Photography as their formal senior portraits. This type of portrait gives the yearbook a more orderly and professional look. It is customary for ladies to dress in a velvet drape/wrap and gentlemen to be dressed in a suit or tux. These photographs are normally taken with a plain backdrop selected by the school.

Casual portraits allow seniors to show their personalities. These more relaxed sessions are normally done at an outdoor location that includes a sports uniform and/or equipment, a musical instrument, or even with a pet, sibling, or friend. There is no photographer requirement for these portraits; however, you must ensure that a digital copy of your photo is sent to CCS yearbook advisor. *Instructions on the collection of casual senior portraits will be provided in the fall by the yearbook team.*

## WHY SHOULD I USE LYRYN KAY PHOTOGRAPHY FOR MY CASUAL SENIOR PHOTOS?

You're a senior and about to embark on one of the most exciting times of your life. Lyrn Kay Photography wants to help you get the most out of every moment. I have years of experience in the business of creating images that are remembered forever. Here are just a few reasons why you should book your senior session with me today.

- D I love seniors to express their fresh, varied, and individual styles and tastes. Nothing is more fun than the challenge of capturing your personality in a session that is custom designed for you.
- D I know you look great posing for Instagram, but wait until you see what I can do for you with flattering lighting, posing, and other techniques that will make your best features pop.

## WHAT IS INCLUDED IN MY SESSION FEE?

The session fee provides you the opportunity to have a specific number of proofs available and digital image of your yearbook selection. No prints are included in any standard session fee. You will have the opportunity to purchase prints after you have seen your proofs. *(If you are purchasing a Yearbook or Cap and Gown package, seniors will have 5-10 proofs to review and choose from. All other packages will have between 25-50 proofs.)*

## WHEN SHOULD I HAVE MY SENIOR PORTRAITS TAKEN?

In order to make sure that your photo makes it into the yearbook, it is highly recommended that you schedule both your formal and casual portraits during the summer. Senior 'formals' will be held at the school on July 29, 2023 & August 26, 2023. There will be a makeup/retake day scheduled shortly after school begins.

## WHAT IF I ABSOLUTELY CANNOT MAKE IT OVER THE SUMMER?

There will be a Makeup Day at your school that will be in October. This date will be determined by your school around the third week of school. You can also contact me at 484-678-6838 to get the dates or ask your yearbook advisor. Make sure that you are photographed before November or you could miss the deadline to be in the yearbook.

## WHAT SESSION SHOULD I CHOOSE?

It's your senior year, so choose the [session](#) that fits you best. If you have multiple outfits and ideas, check out the Ultimate. View all the options on the opposite side of this letter.

## DO I HAVE TO PAY SOMETHING TO BOOK THE APPOINTMENT?

Yes. To confirm your appointment, you must pay \$40 as your retainer.

## WHAT IF STUDENTS CANNOT AFFORD A LARGER EXPERIENCE?

Lyrn Kay Photography never wants a senior to miss out on their senior portrait experience because of financial reasons - please reach out to Lyrn Kay Photography directly if you would like to discuss the possibility of a payment plan or options.

## HOW DO PAYMENT PLANS WORK?

I get it, senior year can be expensive! Payment plans are a great way to spread out paying for your session. After you pick your session date and pay your \$40 deposit, I'll send you a PayPal invoice for the full amount of your package. You have the option of paying weekly, twice a month, or monthly! I'll send an updated invoice every time you make a payment so you'll know the balance. The entire amount needs to be paid on the day of your session but other than that, I'm willing to work with you!

## HOW DO I BOOK AN APPOINTMENT?

Whether you are only booking the 'Yearbook Package' or something more, all seniors must book their [appointment here](#). If you are purchasing a 'Senior or Graduate Package', I will personally reach out and schedule that time with you as soon as I receive your form.

## WHAT IF I NEED TO RESCHEDULE MY SENIOR SESSION?

All you need to do is let me know by calling me at 484-678-6838 or emailing me at [Lyrn@yacoe.me](mailto:Lyrn@yacoe.me).



## YOUR SESSION

Much of this can also be covered in my [What2Wear](#) Guide, but feel it appropriate to cover some of these questions here.

### HOW DO I PREPARE FOR MY SESSION?

Remember, a tan is nice, but too much sun can cause redness and peeling. If you wear glasses, we suggest that you are photographed with and without your glasses. If you have frame-only glasses, those work the best. Some of the images will not work well with the lenses in your glasses. Avoid any drastic changes before coming to get photographed. If you plan on getting your hair cut, have it cut a few days before to avoid a fresh-cut look. Don't forget to shave.

### SENIORS WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHED IN BOTH FORMAL AND CAP & GOWN, DO I HAVE TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED IN CAP & GOWN?

No. However each session comes standard with the yearbook attire and cap and gown. If you wish to not be photographed in the cap and gown there are no discounts or attire changes.

### WHAT SHOULD I WEAR FOR MY FORMAL SENIOR PORTRAITS?

Lyrn Kay Photography provides the formal drape for ladies and cap and gown attire.

**D** **GIRLS:** Must wear black drape. Bring a spaghetti-strapped shirt to wear underneath the black drape and Cap & Gown. Wear simple jewelry. Pearls are great for that classic look. Large jewelry detracts from your portrait. Large earrings won't look proportional to your facial features in classic portraits.

**D** **BOYS:** Black suit jacket/sports jacket with a white button-down shirt and tie or bowtie that matches your school colors. Clothing should be pressed and on hangers, the camera will see the wrinkles.



### WHAT IS A DRAPE?

Drapes are "V" neckline tops made of black velvet that wrap around your shoulders. Please wear a tank top or something that can be easily pushed down over your shoulders under the drape. Your shoulders are bare in a traditional drape pose, so watch out for suntan strap marks. Dramatic tan lines may require an extra charge for custom retouching.

## WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO MY CASUAL SESSION?

It is all about you. Bring anything that shows off your personality and hobbies. Props can include athletic uniforms and equipment and musical instruments. One outfit for each background style is always a good starting point. Check out our online senior gallery for ideas of what to wear for your chosen styles. It is a good idea to come dressed in one of your casual outfits, ready for pictures.

## WHERE ARE PORTRAITS TAKEN?

Senior Formals will always be taken at Conestoga Christian School unless you have already made arrangements with Lyrn Kay Photography. However, if you schedule a Creative Package you'll schedule a time and place directly with the photographer.

- D Conestoga Christian School Formal - The lighting, background, props, and different camera angles.
- D Conestoga Christian School Grounds – When you purchase the Personality package, I utilize the school grounds in a more casual way. With fences, stone steps, green trees, and seasonal flowers, this setting can add variety to your senior portraits. You can even bring your car, truck, or bike!
- D On Location - What are your passions? Channel them into a customized shoot somewhere you love. A beautiful park? The golf course? With your basketball at the high school team colors? The possibilities are as limitless as your imagination.

## HOW LONG WILL MY SITTING TAKE?

Together, the formal and cap & gown session takes no longer than 10 minutes. If you have ordered a bigger package, I will discuss this with you over email. You can also see package details [here](#).

## WHEN IS THE BEST TIME OF DAY FOR MY SENIOR OR GRADUATE PORTRAITS?

The best time is usually first thing in the morning [are you an early bird?!] or a couple of hours before sunset. However, any time of the day is fine.

## WHAT TO DO IF THERE IS BAD WEATHER FOR MY SENIOR OR GRADUATE PORTRAITS?

If it is cloudy or a little overcast, we'll still have your session. The dramatic sky can provide an amazing backdrop! In the event of major rain, we will reschedule for another day. If it's a totally white sky and we're including sports or your car, we will also want to reschedule.

## SHOULD I BRING MY PARENTS ALONG WITH ME WHEN MY PICTURES ARE TAKEN?

I strongly suggest it! I have found that bringing a parent (or both parents) along will help you feel more at ease, and will help me take a better photo of you. Your parents have known you all your life, so I value their input during your photo session.

## WILL MY SENIOR PICTURES BE RETOUCHEDED?

Yes! All finished senior portraits are retouched. For retouching, I retouch any blemishes, and smooth skin without making you look plastic, enhance the colors in the photo, and sharpen. I really want to make sure that you look like YOU.

*Standard retouching* removes blemishes, softens lines, and generally improves the look of your pictures. If you need other special corrections, like fixing up stray hairs, removing stains on teeth, removing reflections in glasses, or other things, I can usually do it, but there may be some extra charges. If you are concerned about something, please talk with me.

## DO YOU GET TO SEE YOUR PICTURES RIGHT AWAY, DURING THE SITTING?

I can offer a sneak peek, but most of the editing is done after.

## AFTER YOUR SESSION

### HOW DO I VIEW MY IMAGES?

About 1-2 weeks after your appointment you will receive an email with a link to access your gallery. This is where you can view, select and order the portraits.

### HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHICH PHOTOS I'LL RECEIVE FROM MY SESSION?

Each package comes with a different number of images. I will go through them (this is called culling) and choose the best images from your session giving you a choice between 4-7 images for the formal sitting. If you purchased higher packages, there will be a higher number of proofs in your gallery.

### CAN I ORDER MORE IMAGES OR UPGRADE THE ORIGINAL PACKAGE?

Yes! Along with the information I send you to access your gallery, I also send you instructions on your options.



## IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT CROPPING

Nearly all of the images in your proofing gallery can be cropped tighter. I deliberately leave extra room around most of the images so that you have some flexibility with cropping images tighter (or close up). For example, a full length image can be cropped to a head and shoulder portrait. Be sure to let us know if you're interested in having a specific image cropped.

## DID I ORDER PRINTS WITH MY SESSION PAYMENT?

Prints are not included in your session fee, but you do have an opportunity to purchase print packages when you schedule with me. You may also purchase prints upon receiving the previews and ordering information online.

## WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE MY PICTURES?

I want you to be completely satisfied with your senior portraits. If you took your pictures the first time around you can reschedule for the second summer date. If not, there will be a make-up date in October.

**D** **IMPORTANT:** Look over your photos and decide what exactly it was you didn't like about them (i.e. hairstyle, makeup or clothes). Be sure to let us know what you didn't like the first time so I can work with you on what to do differently. I also ask that a parent or guardian be present at this retake. Parents know best what does and does not look good.

**D** A \$30 retake charge may be required at the time of photography.



## UPGRADES & ORDERING PRINTS

### FORGOT TO SCHEDULE YOUR CASUAL SHOOT?

You can upgrade and schedule with Lyrn Kay Photography at any time before November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### HOW CAN I PLACE A SENIOR PORTRAIT PRINT ORDER?

All of my sessions come with your own password-protected gallery of digital images. From this gallery, you may order as much or as little as you'd like. There is a shopping cart there and it's super easy to place an order! Family or friends may also order through your gallery. Their order will be shipped right to their door!

## WHAT IS THE SENIOR PRINT PORTRAIT PRICING?

### PRINT PACKAGES

This price is only available when you order your prints the same day you choose your images.



<div style="text-align: center;"><p><i>Choose from three poses</i></p></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) 11x14</li><li>(2) 8x10</li><li>(4) 5x7</li><li>(9) 4x6</li><li>(32) Wallet</li><li>(1) Senior Magnet</li><li>(1) Senior Keychain</li><li>(1) Class Composite</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; color: #c08040;">\$200</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"><p><i>Choose from two poses</i></p></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) 8x10</li><li>(4) 5x7</li><li>(6) 4x6</li><li>(24) Wallet</li><li>(1) Senior Magnet</li><li>(1) Class Composite</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; color: #c08040;">\$154</p>
<div style="text-align: center;"><p><i>Choose from one pose</i></p></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) 8x10</li><li>(2) 5x7</li><li>(3) 4x6</li><li>(16) Wallet</li><li>(1) Class Composite</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; color: #c08040;">\$118</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"><p><i>Choose from one pose</i></p></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) 8x10</li><li>(3) 4x6</li><li>(1) Class Composite</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; color: #c08040;">\$70</p>

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I TELL YOU WHAT I WANT?

I will begin production on your personal order as soon as your order has been received. Normal production is approximately 3-4 weeks, depending on the time of year. During our busier yearbook deadline season, it can take longer. So I suggest ordering your portrait package early in order to meet the senior page, college applications, grad announcement, and other deadlines that you need your senior images. When your order is complete, I will notify you or ship depending on the arrangements made.

## CAN I PURCHASE PORTRAITS "A LA CARTE," NOT A PACKAGE?

Certainly! Please see A La Carte Portrait prices on our order brochure here. When ordering online, the A La Carte options are on the page after all the packages.

## PHOTO SELECTIONS FOR THE YEARBOOK:

### WHO CHOOSES MY YEARBOOK PICTURE?

You are your best critic, so the choice is yours! You may choose and change your yearbook pose online! Make sure this is all done BEFORE your session deadline is set by the school.

### CAN I SELECT A YEARBOOK IMAGE WITHOUT PLACING AN ORDER YET?

Yes! I encourage you to select a yearbook image as soon as you receive the email. You have up to three weeks to select your yearbook pose.

### WHEN ARE YEARBOOK PHOTOS DUE?

All senior photos must be taken and selected no later than **November 1<sup>st</sup>** in order to be listed with the class of 2024.

### SENIORS SELECT TWO POSES FOR THE YEARBOOK

You must select your formal (suit/drape) from Lyrn Kay Photography. The casual image can be taken by another photographer and will be collected by the yearbook team in the fall.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T SELECT A YEARBOOK POSE BEFORE THE DEADLINE?

If a yearbook selection is not chosen by the deadline I will choose one for you, that way you will still make it into the yearbook.

