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Welcome to the 2023 School Year

Dear Iona families,

On behalf of our Rector, Fr Michael Twigg OMI, our Principal Mr Trevor Goodwin and all Iona College staff, we offer a warm welcome to all families – new and returning – for the start of the new school year.

This newsletter is to provide all students and families with important dates, updates and news that may be critical information for the start of the new year. Please read this newsletter carefully to find the areas that are related to you, particularly as a number of times and details may have changed over the holidays.

Return to school times and dates

Monday 23 January

All students in Years 5, 7, 11 ('Big Brothers') and 12 and all new students (of various year levels) are to attend for their first day. All other students attend school on Tuesday 24 January.

YEAR 5

Monday 23 January

Meet with Mr Holmes in The Provence Centre by 8.20am.

Please note: Year 5 students are NO LONGER REQUIRED to bring sports gear on this day.

Tuesday 24 January

Meet with Mr Holmes, Mr Condon and class teachers in the Sherman Building eating areas by 8.20am.

YEAR 6

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Meet with Mr Holmes, Mr Condon and class teachers in the Sherman Building eating areas by 8.20am.

YEAR 7

Monday 23 January

Meet with Mr O'Brien in The Provence Centre by 8.20am. Please stand under your allocated House banner. There will be staff House Mentors and House Leaders to help you find your correct meeting place.

Please note: Year 7 students are NO LONGER REQUIRED to bring sports gear on this day.

Tuesday 24 January

All students are to meet in the following House areas by 8.20am:

ALBINI – IPAC Theatre	ANTHONY – Fr Daly Precinct
CHISHOLM – Hannah Hall	CEBULA – CHARLEBOIS – Shorthall Amphitheatre
GERARD – Green Room	GRANDIN – Lecture Theatre
LONG – Oblate Hall	MACKILLOP – Tuckshop Amphitheatre
MAZENOD – IPAC Foyer	MCAULEY – Daly 7 and 8

YEARS 8-11 – NEW STUDENTS ONLY

Monday 23 January

All students new to Iona in 2023 are to meet at The Provence Centre Forecourt beside the mosaic by 8.20am. There will be staff House Mentors and House Leaders to help you find your correct meeting place.

Please note: Students can be picked up at the conclusion of morning tea at 11.22am at the front of main reception.

Tuesday 24 January

All students are to meet in the following House areas by 8.20am:

ALBINI – IPAC Theatre	ANTHONY – Fr Daly Precinct
CHISHOLM CEBULA – Hannah Hall	CHARLEBOIS – Shorthall Amphitheatre
GERARD – Green Room	GRANDIN – Lecture Theatre
LONG – Oblate Hall	MACKILLOP – Tuckshop Amphitheatre
MAZENOD – IPAC Foyer	MCAULEY – Daly 7 and 8

YEAR 11 'BIG BROTHERS' AND YEAR 12

Monday 23 January

All students are to meet in the following areas by 8.20am:

ALBINI – IPAC Theatre	ANTHONY – Fr Daly Precinct
CHISHOLM CEBULA – Hannah Hall	CHARLEBOIS – Shorthall Amphitheatre
GERARD – Green Room	GRANDIN – Lecture Theatre
LONG – Oblate Hall	MACKILLOP – Tuckshop Amphitheatre
MAZENOD – IPAC Foyer	MCAULEY – Daly 7 and 8

Please note: Year 11 'Big Brothers' are only required to attend until morning tea on Monday 23 January.

Tuesday 24 January

All students are to meet in the following House areas by 8.20am:

ALBINI – IPAC Theatre	ANTHONY – Fr Daly Precinct
CHISHOLM CEBULA – Hannah Hall	CHARLEBOIS – Shorthall Amphitheatre
GERARD – Green Room	GRANDIN – Lecture Theatre

LONG – Oblate Hall	MACKILLOP – Tuckshop Amphitheatre
MAZENOD – IPAC Foyer	MCAULEY – Daly 7 and 8

Please note: For families new to the school, 'Big Brothers' is a peer-support program that operates within the College as part of Iona's wellbeing program, not related to elder siblings.

Information for new families

A very special welcome to those families joining our Iona community for the first time. You are now part of an inclusive, inviting and embracing wider family of Ionians, and about the begin friendships and relationships that will last a lifetime.

Thank you to all families as we navigated the enrolment, orientation and transition process. We are very excited to welcome you to Iona College. Here is some more important information to remember before Day 1.

Parent Handbooks

New families, please ensure that you have taken the time with your child to read through our Parent Handbooks prior to their commencement:

<https://www.iona.qld.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Primary-parent-handbook.pdf>

<https://www.iona.qld.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Secondary-parent-handbook.pdf>

New Student Commencement Forms

Thank you to those parents who have completed the required information to assist us with your child's smooth commencement.

This is a courtesy reminder to view the information and complete the required forms via the link below prior to the start of Term 1:

<https://enrol.iona.qld.edu.au/2023-new-student-information/>

Volunteering

Volunteers are a vital part of the Iona community, and we are grateful to the families who are able to contribute the gift of their time and talent to support the young men in our care. Each year, Iona families are requested to consider the many volunteering opportunities available.

We do understand that some of our families are not in a position to be able to commit to the volunteering opportunities available across the year. The College has the option of a Commitment Levy of \$140 per family, that can be paid in lieu of volunteering. This Commitment Levy will be applied to the tuition fee account in Term 4 for families unable to volunteer.

Some volunteering opportunities are in high demand, and the College often receives expressions of interest from more

applicants than there are openings available.

If you do not complete this Volunteering Expression of Interest Form, it will be assumed that you are opting to pay the Commitment Levy in lieu.

Thank you for being a special part of our community and contributing to the growth of our Ionians.

Please follow the link below to express your interest:

<https://iona.jotform.com/223118404814853>

P&F Welcome to New Families BBQ

Iona College Parents and Friends Association would like to invite Year 5, Year 7 and all new Iona families to a "Welcome BBQ" – an opportunity to meet new families and reconnect with others.

See the event invitation for details and booking link below.



IONA COLLEGE WELCOME BBQ

Iona College Parents and Friends Association would like to invite Year 5, Year 7 and all new Iona families to a "Welcome BBQ" – an opportunity to meet new families and reconnect with others.

DATE: Sunday 5 February
TIME: 3.00 - 5.00pm
VENUE: The hill in front of Fr Daly Art Precinct
TICKETS: trybooking.com/CFHFJ

This event is kindly hosted by the P&F and the BBQ is complimentary – drinks will be available to purchase.

To assist us with catering please RSVP by Thursday 2 February.

Please note this is an alcohol-free event and all the family of new students are welcome.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CFHFJ>

Information for all students

Please remember Iona College's expectations in relation to personal presentation as we begin 2023.

Uniform

All students are expected to have an Iona College school bag and bring all of their school equipment on the first day.

- Years 11 and 12 students are to wear the Iona College embroidered white shirt, College tie and College grey felt hat.
- The College grey felt hat is part of the uniform for Years 11 and 12 and is expected to be worn to and from school.
- Socks are to be always pulled up to the knee at all times. We strongly suggest the use of garters to do this.
- Shoes are to be black, leather school shoes. Black jogger-style shoes are not acceptable.

Haircuts

From Day 1, haircuts are to be in accordance with College expectations:

- Hair must be above the collar at the back, no longer than half-ear at the sides, with sideburns also no longer than half-ear.
- The fringe must remain clear of the eyes and face.
- It is to be a graded, even cut no shorter than a No.2 blade. An 'even cut' means that shorter hair at the back and sides must be blended gradually into longer hair on top. Hair cannot be two distinct lengths (eg: undercut styles are not permitted).
- Layered cuts, use of hair ties, and tinting, colouring, streaking etc. are **not** permitted.
- Gels or styling creams are not to be used. Radical shaping or styling of hair is not permitted.
- If a fringe is long enough to be tucked behind the ears, it is too long and must be cut.
- Mullet-style haircuts are not permitted. This includes faux or short-mullet styles where the fringe and back of the cut is shorter, with the side above and near the ears being shaved or clipped.

Students whose hair does not meet the College expectations, as outlined above, may be sent home, to return only when the hair is cut or styled in the desirable manner.

Facial Hair

Students in the senior years are to be clean-shaven at all times.

Media Permissions

The 2023 Iona Media Consent form was sent to all families on December 15 for completion before the start of Term 1. If you have not completed yours yet, do so now by clicking on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ktYpOPx6k0-IgkfpdZmBalOwLHso941Br6XtlnuG6IZUM0IWWIo1UTFWMEJLNIFLTFQ5RVhIRTBYSy4u>

School Fees

To further assist our families with their budgeting and planning for the 2023 school year, we feel it is important to remind you that school fees will be issued early in Term 1.

Choosing Iona College is a significant investment in your child's future, and our tuition fees remain extremely competitive in comparison to other schools.

As a College we are conscious of the cost-of-living pressures facing all families, and Iona is committed to keeping fees as low as possible.

Our 2023 fee schedule, fee policy, periodic payment calculators and direct debit forms for payment arrangements can all be accessed through the website via the link below:

<https://www.iona.qld.edu.au/services/school-fees/>

If you have any concerns or require assistance regarding fee payments, please do not hesitate to contact the finance

department at email fees@iona.qld.edu.au, or by calling 3893 8888.

Booklists

Stationery lists for all year levels for 2023 can be found on the Uniform Shop page of the College website via the link below:

<http://www.iona.qld.edu.au/services/uniform-shop/>

COVID-19

COVID is still circulating in our community and although there is no longer a mandated isolation period, students are still encouraged to stay at home if they are unwell. This will help to protect our community including students, staff and volunteers who are most vulnerable.

We encourage anyone with the following symptoms to remain at home:

- Vomiting and diarrhoea.
- Temperature over 37.8 degrees.
- Any combination of runny nose, sore throat, headache, cough, and body aches.

Important Dates

Please note the following important dates for the coming weeks carefully, as some are amendments or additions to the 2023 College Calendar.

23 January	Term 1 commences For Years 5 , 7, 12 and all new students
24 January	School day for all students
25 January	Anniversary of the Foundation of Oblates (207 years)
26 January	Australia Day (Public Holiday)
29 - 31 January	Music Camp (QCCC)
31 January	Paul Dillon Student Sessions - Years 10, 11 and 12 (IPAC) Years 5 and 6 Parent Information Evening (IPAC)
31 January - 1 February	Year 12 Retreat
1 February	Year 7 Parent Information Evening (IPAC)

2 February	AIC Ecumenical Service and AGM (Marist) Presentation of the Lord
5 February	P&F Welcome BBQ for all New Families, 3.00pm to 5.00pm Please refer to the <i>Information for new families</i> section of this newsletter for further details.

Sport

Please see the sport newsletter for upcoming dates, training and sport information.

<https://www.iona.qld.edu.au/news-events/newsletters/>

Iona College Musical 2023 Auditions



All students in Years 5-12 are invited to audition for Iona College's production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

Auditions will take place on Sunday 29 January, from 9am in IPAC.

If you would like to audition, register your interest by filling in the Audition Registration Form below:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=ktYpOPx6k0-IgkfpdZmBavroKKClpkZJsEx3RIIHVCxUMjQ4WDFXTkiOMEZaWVJNSTRQSIYxM05JTS4u&web=1&wdLOR=c32AD6481-7BF5-4B1C-9A43-132AB6DA21F4>

All the information you need to know about the audition can be found in the Audition Pack below:

<https://www.iona.qld.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Audition-Pack-2023.pdf>

Health and Wellbeing

Please note that the Health and Wellness Centre (HWC) is now open and staff will be in attendance during the following times to receive any medications, consumables, care plans, EpiPens etc:

- Wednesday 10am-1pm
- Thursday 10am-3pm
- Friday 10.30am-3pm

Staff may be away from the HWC outside of these times to attend to Professional Development requirements.

Please advise via email allnurses@iona.qld.edu.au of any changes in medication administration requirements whilst at school, or the commencement of any regular medications for your child over the holiday period – this includes new families commencing at Iona.

Students requiring regular daily medication will now be required to attend between 12.24pm-12.28pm during the transition between Periods 3 and 4 for the administration of medications due to the change in timetable.

This replaces the previous administration time of 11.50am-12pm. Please discuss this important change of time with your child prior to their return.

Please contact the Iona Nurses to discuss any medical issue, or if further clarification is required.

More information on Iona's Health and Wellness Centre can be found on our website below:

<https://www.iona.qld.edu.au/services/health/>

Immunisation Program for Year 7 Students

Our school is participating in Queensland Health's annual School Immunisation Program.

All Year 7 students will be offered free vaccinations as recommended on the National Immunisation Program schedule to protect against vaccine preventable diseases. Year 7 students will be offered human papillomavirus (HPV) and diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough).

- Two doses of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine GARDASIL@9 will be offered. The recommended interval for the two doses is 0 and (at least) 6 months, but up to 12 months after first dose.
- One booster dose of adult/adolescent formulation dTpa vaccine will be offered. Most students would have received vaccination against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis when they were pre-school age.

An information booklet contained in the consent pack will be sent home with your child on Wednesday 25 January, and needs to be returned by Wednesday 8 February.

The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of authorised registered nurses and/or a medical practitioner. Parents, legal guardians or authorised persons are encouraged to ensure

their children have an adequate breakfast on the morning of vaccination.

The vaccination team will be visiting the school to give the free vaccinations on the following dates:

- Term 1 – Wednesday 8 March: HPV Dose 1 + Booster dTpa
- Term 4 – Friday 8 September: HPV Dose 2

For further information about the School Immunisation Program, please call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) or visit the Queensland Health website below:

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/topics/immunisation>

Medical pick-up procedure

Please refer to the "Pick-Up and Drop-Off Procedures" for instructions on how to pick up your child from the HWC if they become unwell at school.

Library

The St Eugene de Mazonod Library opening hours for 2023 are as follows:

- Monday to Thursday: 8am to 4.30pm
- Friday: 8am to 3.10pm

Parents please note: On Wednesday 25 January, the Library will have an earlier closing time of 3.15pm.

The Library is open and accessible for students on every school day at first and second break.

Morning Mass

Iona College is the only school that offers mass six days per week, with a celebration of Jesus held every school morning in the Chapel from 8am.

Wednesday morning mass for Years 5-6 begins at 9am.

Each House takes turns being responsible for the running of the morning mass, operating on a roster system.



Daily Mass Roster

2023

College Chapel 8.00am

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week A	Gerard	Chisholm Cebula	MacKillop	Grandin	Albini
Week B	Anthony	Charlebois	McAuley	Mazenod	Long
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS MASS AT 9.00AM FOR YEAR 5/6					

Music

It was fantastic to see our senior ensembles back this week getting ready for the year in their ensembles. They participated in workshops, rehearsals and activities throughout the three days.

A big thankyou to all the staff who prepared and delivered the event, as well as the parents from MSG who organised a BBQ for the children on Day 2.

It was also great to see some of our younger ensembles work with our older students throughout the day in sectionals and rehearsals.

No lessons or ensembles in Week 1

Please make sure your child is aware of what day and time their first instrumental/vocal lesson will be in Week 2. Lessons should be entered in to Compass by close of business Friday 27 February.

There is always a chance timetables can change in the first couple of weeks, so please be patient if we need to change some lessons around early in the term.

Intermediate Music Camp - 29-31 January

A reminder that Guitar Ensemble 2, Chamber Strings 2 and Symphonic Winds will be going to Mt Tamborine for a Music Camp, beginning Sunday 29 January.

Please make sure you have RSVP'd to the event, and that you have read Compass for the relevant details. Any questions or concerns please contact the Iona Music Office ionamusic@iona.qld.edu.au

Concert Band 3 and 4

This year we will be combining both Concert Band 3 and 4, and renaming the ensemble Concert Band. This will be a much bigger band, and will now be held on Tuesday morning.

Rehersal Schedule

This year's rehearsal schedule can be accessed on the Music page of the Iona College website below:

<https://www.iona.qld.edu.au/co-curricular/music/>

Please note that we are still finding a day and time for Iona String Quartet. Boys in that ensemble will be notified in Week 1.

Naplan - Years 5, 7 and 9

For families of students in Years 5, 7 and 9, please be advised that NAPLAN testing – held previously in Term 2 – will this year be conducted in Week 8 of Term 1.

More information on this will be sent to families in Week 1.

Subject Changes for Years 9-11 Students

Any students in Years 9-11 who wish to change elective subjects, must see either Mr Mondolo (Years 9 and 10) or Ms Connors (Year 11) to discuss this as soon as possible.

All subject change requests require parental permission via email, and are dependent on availability within the timetable. These requests must be received by **Wednesday 1 February** to ensure they are processed by the end of Week 2.

Uniform Shop

Week 1 trading days begin on Monday 23 January.

The store will be open every school day from 8.00am-3.30pm, except Thursday 26 January when it is closed for Australia Day.

Don't forget the Uniform Shop is also now online:

Use the link below to to access information including the Uniform Lookbook and current price lists.

<https://www.iona.qld.edu.au/services/uniform-shop/>

Summer Uniform

The summer uniform consists of grey shorts for all year levels and ties for Years 11 and 12 only. Refer to the Uniform Shop page of the Iona College website (via the link above) for updated price lists and the Uniform Lookbook.



Term 1 Co-curricular Uniforms

Term 1 Sport includes cricket, swimming, volleyball, AFL and sailing. Refer to the Uniform Shop page of the Iona College website (via the link above) for updated price lists and the Uniform Lookbook.



Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

Please use the designated drop-off and pick-up zone between Davine and McCarthy ovals (accessed Bulgin Avenue, refer to the attached College campus map for details).

Students may only enter and exit the vehicle from the left side, and only when you are in the drop-off/pick-up zone marked in yellow on the road. Please do not allow students to exit the vehicle at the top of the hill.

The drop-off/pick-up zone operates as a flowing drop-off zone like a taxi rank. Please pull forward to the frontmost available bay to drop off or pick up your child.

DO NOT drop off or pick up your child until you have safely stopped in the marked bays. This area is supervised by staff, and anyone impeding traffic will be directed to leave and re-join the queue.

The drop-off and pick-up zone does become busy at peak times, and we request your patience and cooperation to ensure that the process is safe and efficient.

Other safe options that are available to you and your child are:

- The bus turnaround off North Road is available **AFTER 3.30PM ONLY**, as pick-up before this time restricts the Translink buses' access to this zone.

Drop off in the morning is permitted, as buses do not arrive at the same time in the mornings.

This drop-off/pick-up zone operates as a flowing taxi rank. Please pull forward as much as possible to prevent traffic build up on North Road.

- Drop off/pick up on the school side of Sandy Camp Road and North Road. If collecting your child on the opposite side of North Road, they must use the Graham's Crossing traffic lights to cross the road.
- Pick up your child at 3.25pm when the majority of traffic has cleared.

Please **DO NOT** drop off or pick up at the following areas, as these areas present serious safety risks to the students:

- Under IPAC. If your child has a rehearsal in the morning, they are to be dropped off in the bus turnaround.

- Daly carpark behind the chapel
- Grassed area beside the North Road driveway
- Outside Administration
- Chapel carpark
- Any internal carparks
- North Road bus turnaround for pick-up before 3.30pm.

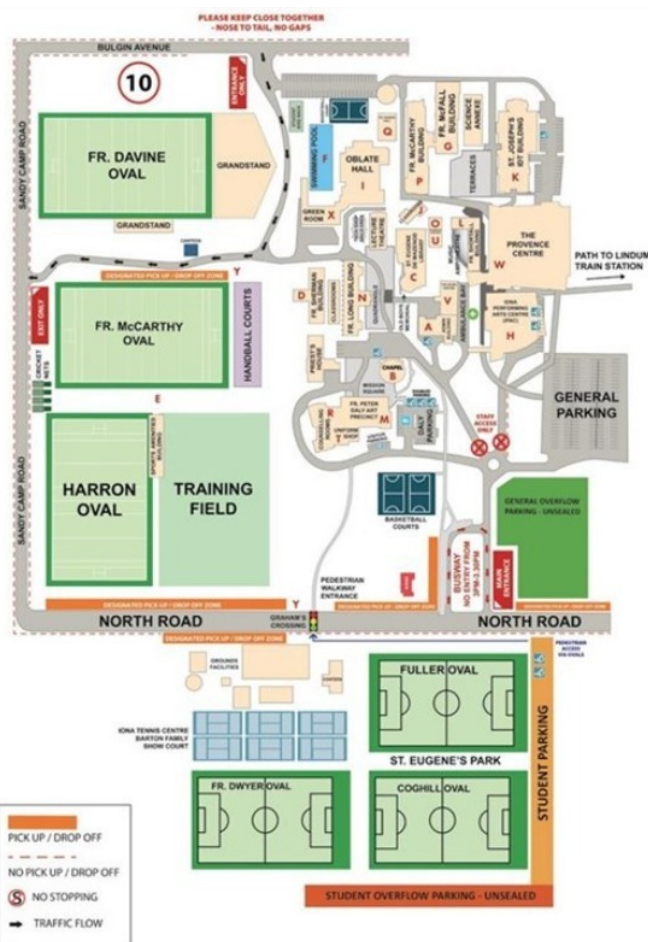
Medical Drop-off/Pick-up Procedure

The medical turnaround drop-off/pick-up zone is only to be used for emergencies, or medically related student departures.

All students needing to depart the College for a medical reason will wait in the Health and Wellness Centre for pick up.

Please drive around the roundabout past Main Reception and reverse cautiously towards the HWC.

You do not need to report to Main Reception for a medical student departure – please proceed directly to the HWC.



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