Iona College congratulates and honours all students from all schools who have worked hard to achieve results of which they can be proud. Our local area is blessed with schools who continue to provide wonderful educational opportunities for our local community and we wholeheartedly congratulate the communities at Lourdes Hill College, Moreton Bay Colleges, San Sisto College, Wynnum State High School, Loretto College and Brisbane Bayside State College for all that they have achieved.

Iona College continues to strive to provide an education that is truly based on the dignity of each person as expressed by Jesus Christ. Our Catholic College remains committed to non-selective entry, open to Diversity, no external scholarships and accessible fees.

The commitment that Iona College makes with each student and family is for life and not limited to attaining a certain score or getting into a certain course. Every person’s dignity and value is not to be judged on the basis of a ranking score or a comparison between schools. Each and every one of our families would know the dedication and hard work that their sons have committed to their education. They would also know the sustained support offered by the teachers and staff of the College. The great joy for us is in knowing we are not a selective entry school or one that lures students via bursaries or scholarships. This joy means we have worked with the boys at whatever their level and challenged them to aspire to excellence. The results presented here can only ever tell part of the story of the commitment of our families, boys and staff.

Our Year 12 results have now been published by the QCAA. Our congratulations go to all the 2016 cohort for their achievements overall and particularly to our 4 OP1 boys and our 23.45% OP 1 - 5 recipients. We also commend the students who graduated having successfully attained their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). This year’s graduation rate was 99% of students.

We hope all our students achieve their goals for 2017 and beyond, and in particular that they are accepted into the course of their choice should they be applying for tertiary studies.

**Iona College Year 12 Results for 2016**

In 2016, Iona College had 197 Year 12 students. Of these, 82% were OP eligible, while the state average is 51% OP eligible. This is important if attempting to compare results with other schools.

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Many of our students completed Certificate and Diploma courses which can provide them with career pathways and university entrance options.

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185 out of the 197 (94%) have either a Certificate III (equivalent to approx. an OP 15) or Diploma (equivalent to at least an OP 9) or an OP of 15 or better, giving them real university entrance options. If the other 12 boys want to enter university, they can pursue Diplomas or other courses at TAFE.

We are particularly pleased that this year we were able to combine the results above with other cultural achievements. These include:

- Record participation in peer tutoring
- Record number of invites to academic morning teas
- Record generosity for OMAD, Rosies, Caritas and St Vincent de Paul
- Record involvement in Music
- Record involvement in Sport
- Record involvement in community service and activities

I would like to take this opportunity in recognizing all teachers, both Primary and secondary who have contributed to the learning outcomes of our boys.

We are indeed blessed at Iona to have a Staff who generously give of themselves, and the care and support that they offer our students is second to none.

In particular we would like to acknowledge the work of Ms Helen Murdoch and Ms Deanne Johnston, among many, in helping our students discern their career paths and for helping navigate alternative pathways so they can access satisfying and meaningful careers.

We congratulate the parents and families of the boys and thank them for the incredible trust that they place in the College. We genuinely do appreciate the sacrifices you make in order to give your sons the opportunities that they receive.

We remain proud of all Iona graduating students, in all of the various pathways, and wish them every blessing in their futures. We congratulate them sincerely on the pathways that they have chosen and sincerely wish them all the best.

Iona College remains committed to being a non-selective entry school. We remain passionately supportive of students with disabilities and learning difficulties. We remain committed to not offering external scholarships and to keeping our fees accessible to all families.

It is our sincere and genuine hope that our boys continue to use their God given talents and knowledge to make our global, local and parish communities a better place and not be a spectator of life. We hope to see them passionately standing up for the vulnerable and rejected and finding a way to continue to search for God’s love and meaning in their lives and the lives of those around them. We believe our boys have made a difference already to our community and we believe that they can, and will make a meaningful contribution going forward. While they may have entered Iona to learn, we clearly believe that they leave Iona in order to serve.

Yours sincerely,

Fr. Michael Twigg OMI
College Rector