IONA COLLEGE

PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES - 2020 – YEAR 7

Fr Michael Twigg OMI
Rector of Iona College
Yura means ‘welcome’.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather was first cared for by the people of Quandamooka country.

We pay respect to the traditional custodians who have walked this land for longer than recorded history.

May our spirits grow strong together as one.
Heavenly Father,

We give thanks for the Oblates and the entire community who forged Iona College into existence to serve local needs in the Archdiocese for the past sixty years. Like those who have gone before us, fill our souls with your compassion for others, fire our hearts with your courage and infinite love, bring us health in body and spirit, that we may serve you with all our strength, so that all may live, learn, lead and serve in the Oblate spirit. Touch gently our lives, which you have created, now and forever.

Amen.
St Eugene de Mazenod
FR TIM LONG OMI  (seated) and  
FR DENIS MC CARTHY OMI
IONA COLLEGE - FIRST DAY

28 JANUARY 1958

58 Students & 4 Oblate Priests
With
Archbishop Duhig
Iona College, staff, students & classrooms
1959
Staff of Iona College
1966
IONA OBLATE COMMUNITY

Fr Michael Twigg OMI (middle)
Fr Lewy Keelty OMI (right)
Fr John David Chodagiri OMI (left)

Fr Eric Alleaume OMI
Cannon Hill Parish Priest
St Oliver Plunkett Primary School
OUR VISION
Inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the life of St Eugene de Mazenod, the Iona College community focusses on educating and empowering young men to dare to make a positive difference throughout their lives and to the lives of others.

OUR MISSION
Our Mission is to learn, live, lead and serve as a Catholic learning community within the Oblate spirit.
Religious Identity & Culture

Christ-centred, community focused, and dedicated to the most abandoned

Faith Formation

Religious education program
Years 5-12

Developing a strong moral conscience underpinned by Gospel values
Mass
Daily at 8.00am in the College Chapel

Prayer & Worship
Tutor Group, College & Assembly prayer
Tutor Group, House & College masses

Social Justice & Action
Project Compassion, Rosies, Oblate missions in China, Kenya & Zimbabwe, St Vincent de Paul, Nazareth House, Darling Point Special School
Clean up Australia, ACU Social Justice Day, Mission Immersion, Environmental Action
IN THIS SIGN YOU WILL CONQUER
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Mr Ross King
Deputy Principal of Iona College
Learning and Teaching

Our College has a strong focus on academic achievement
Pathways for students of all abilities
70-80% pursue tertiary study

Curriculum based on Australian Curriculum and QCAA syllabuses

In 2017, a total of 162 OP eligible students which accounted for 82% of the cohort, a significantly higher proportion than the state average of only 50%. Of these:

- 19% achieved an OP 1 – 5
- 48% achieved an OP 1 – 10
- 77% achieved an OP 1 – 15

During 2017, six students achieved an OP1 with one receiving an ATAR of 99.95, the highest score available in Queensland.
Learning Support
The Learning Support Centre provides assistance across the curriculum with a particular emphasis on English and Mathematics support.

Enrichment programs
Appropriate pathways
Learning and Teaching

• Class size – 30 max in Years 7
• ICT
  – Student laptop program
  – Connected classrooms
• Getting ready for Iona
  – Routine
  – Homework
  – Reading
Iona is interested in the development of the whole person. Among its aims:

- Continuity of care for boys as they progress through the College.

- That our students feel that they belong.

- Enabling resilience within each student for dealing with the challenges of life.

- A powerful sense of self-worth within each individual stimulating empathy.
The House System

Assists by breaking down a large school into more manageable units that facilitate a greater continuity of care from staff and boys who get to know one another well over the time they are at Iona.
Care and Wellbeing

Personal Development & Wellbeing

– Primary Years – Peer Interactions
– Middle Years – Adolescence
– Senior Years – Community & Service
Care and Wellbeing

• Head and Assistant Head of Year 7 and Administration

Mr Kevin O’Brien and Mrs Rebecca Sullivan assist the boys with the transition into Secondary School.

• Counselling Support

The College employs three counsellors to support the students of the College.
The College employs one full-time nurse and two part-time nurses to deal with the medical needs of the boys. The nurse works out of a dedicated Health & Wellness Centre.
Co-curricular Activities

Music
– Symphony Orchestra,
Symphonic Winds, String
Ensembles, String Quartet,
Jazz Bands, Percussion
Ensembles, Guitar
Ensembles, Choirs.
Co-curricular Activities

Public Speaking
– Carter Shield, Rostrum Voice of the Year, Legacy Plain Speaking, Lions Youth of the Year, Eisteddfod.
Co-curricular Activities

• Sport
  – Cricket, Volleyball, Swimming, Rugby Union, Rugby League, Football, Australian Rules, Touch Football, Cross-country, Tennis, Basketball, Track & Field, Sailing, Golf, Chess and Water Polo.

• Debating
  – Queensland Debating Union

• Annual Musical or Drama production
Iona is modern and forward looking:

Classrooms
- ICT connectivity
- Air-conditioning

Performance
- IPAC
- Hannah Hall
- Lecture Theatre
Facilities

Sport

Oblate Hall
50m Pool
Ovals
Tennis courts
Basketball courts
GLENDALOUGH
Iona College
Outdoor Education Centre
(Peregian Beach)

Facilities
Our teaching and office staff are talented, caring, passionate, committed and compassionate.
An Engaged Community

A Culture of Parental Involvement

- P&F
- Music Supporters
- Sports Supporters
- Iona Community Care
- Class co-ordinators
- Library
- Tuckshop helper
- Coach a sporting team
- Coach a debating team
- Resource Centre
- College Production
- Working Bees
- Attending Parent/Teacher interviews
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To help you decide if Iona is a good fit for your son and to help us decide if your son/family is a good fit for Iona.
Enrolment Policy

• Iona College is committed to building a community that provides an Oblate-inspired, Catholic-centred education for boys. We therefore seek to enrol boys and their families who wish to help build such a community.

• The College gives priority to students who are baptised into the Catholic Faith and are practising members of a parish community.

• As Iona College is also a community, we recognise and value students who may already have an existing connection to our school.
Enrolment Policy

- Consideration will also be given to other factors as the College seeks to achieve a balanced and inclusive community which is Catholic in its identity.
- Iona has a tradition of welcoming families from diverse educational, cultural and religious backgrounds and will continue to do so.
- Attendance at a Catholic primary school does not automatically guarantee enrolment at Iona College, nor does attendance at a non-Catholic primary school exclude a student.
- Ultimately, the Rector reserves the right to accept students guided by the above principles.
Closing date of Enrolment Forms for Year 7 in 2020 is:

Friday 16th February, 2018
The Next Steps: Interviews

Every family that applies will receive an interview.

Instructions and password for booking an enrolment interview on-line through the College website will be mailed to families.
The Next Steps: Interviews

When are the interviews?

During Term1 (March)

We have some flexibility to interview at other times.
The Next Steps: Offers

The Next Steps: Offers of Enrolments

It is proposed that the letters offering places in Year 7, 2020 will be mailed out to families in early Term 2 (April). Those families not receiving an offer will also be notified by letter.
The Next Steps:
Acceptance of Enrolment

- Acceptance of enrolment is expected by Friday 11 May.

- Parents should sign and return the enrolment contract and pay the acceptance of enrolment fee of $300.
The Next Steps: Orientation

The new student Orientation Day for 2020 will be held in October 2019.
1. How many boys are accepted?
2. Do siblings get preference in the enrolment process?
3. Do I need to have a back-up plan?
4. What are my son’s chances?
5. Who makes the decisions?
6. How can I best get my son ready?
7. What can I do to help?
8. Why didn’t my son get an offer?
How much does it cost? (fees as of 2018)

The fees for one student is $7140 per annum.

The Capital Projects Contribution per annum per family is $700. (tax-deductable)

For Year 7 students, there is a $660 per annum IT Services Contribution for services associated with the laptop program.
How much does it cost?

In 2018, it is about $7,800 for a Year 7 student inclusive of (almost) everything except music and camp.

Fees are discounted for second, third and fourth brothers at the College.
Thank you for considering IONA

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