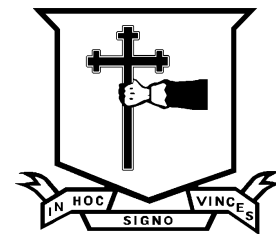


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25 March 2020

Dear Families of Iona,

First and foremost, we wish each of you our blessings and care as we all navigate these truly monumental times. Our strength as a community is an important part of our necessary responses. As Ionians, we play our role with respect, service and with care for safety as our highest priority.

We all play a wider role within the community of positivity, calm and responsible behavior. This is the message we have been trying to share with the boys.

We have been particularly pleased with the partnership between families and the College and your cooperation and care has been deeply appreciated. The positive affirmations to staff from both students and families have been received with genuine affection.

Our number one priority has been and continues to be to follow both medical and Government advice to keep all Ionians (students, staff and families) safe. Our College theme has been to live, learn, lead and serve. These words become even more powerful now.

To that end, I wish to communicate the following protocols and procedures that the College feels is the most prudent response for both our community and the wider community.

College Operations and Student Attendance

Our understanding is that tomorrow morning the Queensland Government will give a further update on how schools should respond to the Federal Governments directions. We look forward to sharing that news with you tomorrow. However, in the meantime, we wish to share with you our intentions to assist with your planning.

To comply with both Government and medical advice, Iona will remain open until the end of term (Friday, April 3, 2020), however we intend to apply the following new applications.

The College would look to **cease** formal classes on the afternoon of Friday 27 March, with a pupil free week from Monday, 30 March to Friday 3 April. During that week, Monday 30 March to Wednesday 1 April will be a trial of our *At Home Learning* model. Thursday and Friday of that week will be an opportunity for staff to refine the model in order to prepare for the probability of *At Home Learning* at some stage in Term 2. Students will not be required to participate in *At Home Learning* on Thursday and Friday of next week.

Families who need the College to care for their sons during the final week of term will still be able to send them to school for supervision. They, along with the students at home, will also take part in the Learning at Home trial.

If you have the capacity to care at home for your child and for them to be socially isolated, then you are encouraged to do so. If you intend for your son to come to school in the final week, could you please respond via <https://iona-qld.compass.education/ActionCentre> by 9.00am Friday 27 March. This will allow us to provide appropriate supervision. Instructions on how to use this link are included below.

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From 30 March until 3 April, teachers will spend the necessary time preparing for the delivery of *At Home Learning* opportunities for Term 2 if our Government requires this of us.

School will then move into break (formerly known as holidays) and at this stage resume on Monday 20 April in whatever form is deemed appropriate.

School Absences for Thursday, 26 March and Friday, 27 March

In order for accurate records and consistent information to be maintained, would you please address all absences through to Student Administration, rather than to individual teachers. This allows the College to make a much more coordinated approach and response.

School Fees Question

Iona College has had a 63 year history of caring for families in need and this continues to be the case, no matter what circumstance we face. Our families have trusted us to be kind, compassionate and fair whenever we have been called upon. We have had some enquiries about fees and a more formal communication of these will follow later. Right now, the obvious focus needs to be on safety and wellbeing. In the meantime, all families with a capacity to contribute should continue to do so if possible.

Student/Family/Staff/Community Expectations

We intend in a future communication to develop a shared understanding of what we might expect for the delivery of *At Home Learning* and the strategies to remain connected and valued during this next period of time.

In very many ways, we have been preparing for an event such as this for a number of years. Our themes of iRESPECT, Play Your Role and Standards are particularly helpful now and our Visible Wellbeing and Strengths based positive psychology programmes will serve us well both now and into the future.

H.O.P.E. – Hold On Pain Ends

As Ionians in a Catholic school, we are people of HOPE. The Easter message of hope over fear is a timely reminder of our beliefs and values. Hope is not just a possible outcome that we desire, but a genuine commitment to **Hold On** because **Pain Ends**.

This is a tremendous opportunity for the strengths of our community to greatly assist both within and outside our Ionian family. We call upon all Ionians to follow the medical advice and social distancing guidelines for the betterment of our whole community.

Your sincerely

Fr Michael Twigg OMI
Rector

Mr Trevor Goodwin
Principal

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Access <https://iona-qld.compass.education/ActionCentre>

Action Centre Events Volunteering History

No standard events to action

You have no standard events to action.

+ 1 opt-in event

1. Click here to start.

Opt in events

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2 events

Monday 30th March - Friday 3rd April 2020
Monday, March 30th 2020, 8:30 am
Friday, April 3rd 2020, 3:00 pm

Invited	Due 27/03/2020	\$0.00	>
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2. Click on the arrow to proceed with the registration.

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Monday 30th March - Friday 3rd April 2020
Monday, March 30th 2020, 8:30 am - Friday, April 3rd 2020, 3:00 pm

3. Click on Accept Event

Decline Event Accept Event

Event accepted
You have accepted Monday 30th March - Friday 3rd April 2020.

Monday 30th March - Friday 3rd April 2020
Monday, March 30th 2020, 8:30 am
Friday, April 3rd 2020, 3:00 pm

Awaiting consent Due 27/03/2020 \$0.00

4. Click here to provide consent and confirm.

Monday 30th March - Friday 3rd April 2020
Monday, March 30th 2020, 8:30 am - Friday, April 3rd 2020, 3:00 pm

Download Paper Form Decline Event

1 Event information

Description and educative purpose
Students at Iona College for the Pupil Free Week from Monday, March 30 to Friday April 3.

If you have the capacity to care at home for your child and for them to be socially isolated, then you are encouraged to do so for a situation where this is not possible.

Monday March 30 to Wednesday April 1 will be a trial of our At Home Learning model. Students who attend Iona College will be supervised conditions. Students will not be required to participate in At Home Learning on Thursday April 2 and Friday April 3 supervised and involved in an alternative program on those days.

When and where

Location	Start	Finish
Unassigned	Monday, March 30th 2020, 8:30 am	Monday, March 30th 2020, 3:00 pm
Unassigned	Tuesday, March 31st 2020, 8:30 am	Tuesday, March 31st 2020, 3:00 pm

To provide consent, please type your name in full

Insert parent name in full here

Submit Consent

5. Scroll down to bottom of the form to enter your full name and click on Submit Consent to complete process.

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Consent Successful

You have consented for Monday 30th March - Friday 3rd April 2020.

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6. Process is complete and status set to "Attending".

Monday 30th March - Friday 3rd April 2020

Monday, March 30th 2020, 8:30 am
Friday, April 3rd 2020, 3:00 pm

Attending	Due 27/03/2020	\$0.00	>
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