



IONA COLLEGE



BMD relocates 110-year-old Church, while Iona welcomes an Icon

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Last week, BMD commenced works in preparation of relocating the historic Wynnum Baptist Church to Iona College, where it will be re-purposed as a school-gathering place.

The 110-year-old Church, based in Bay Terrace, has served the community as a Church, Girls Brigade, Dance Studio, Arts Venue and Whiskey Bar, however, has been in need of repairs and a new home for over a decade.

BMD CEO, Scott Power said:

“our long and extensive history with Iona College meant the Church was able to remain local in the Wynnum area.”

“Through our work with Brisbane City Council and Iona College we have found a new home for the historic building which will be restored and will serve the community for many decades to come.

Having attended the college with my brother, Dare, the decision to relocate the Church to Iona College was one close to our hearts. We look forward to seeing the building restored and serving the community of Wynnum once again.”

BMD is a long-term supporter of Iona College, recently constructing minor infrastructure projects for the school including the carpark upgrade, senior student carpark and a signalised pedestrian crossing.

Iona College Rector, Fr Michael Twigg OMI said the College is very happy to welcome the historic building to its new home in the coming period of time.

“Working collaboratively with BMD, we are proud to be part of the Church’s relocation to our campus and restoring the building to its former glory.”

“This building will remain in the local Bayside area and will be lovingly restored here at the College to serve the Arts Community in a Christian setting, honouring much of its previous good work.

At Iona College, we already care for a 100+ year old former Manly Drill Hall (Hannah Hall) and we are the custodians of 150+ year old heritage listed mango trees, so we really do take the opportunity to help restore this beautiful building seriously.”