## IONA COLLEGE



A Catholic Boys' College conducted by The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Dear Iona community,

Iona College congratulates every Year 12 student, from our own College and from every school within our wider community, on receiving their final Year 12 results.

We especially give thanks to God for the efforts of our own graduating class of 2022, who have made a positive contribution to our community, including through their participation in our Catholic Studies Program (10:10 and 3:16).

Over the past two years, this program saw these Ionians engage in life-affirming activities such as reading to local primary school students; cleaning Hemmant Cemetery; visiting local nursing homes; participating in, and leading, College liturgies; sharing courses on respectful relationships; and participating in dementia-awareness experiences.

This cohort has again led our College through some challenging times, including another period of 'at-home learning' early in the year, and a flood-impacted Term 1. Like many before them, they did so with a sense of community, dignity and goodwill.

While some schools rush to share a range of data and percentages with a variety of audiences, unless a school has received permission to access ATAR scores from every one of its Year 12 students, the data is not representative of the entirety of its Year 12 academic results.

As per our previous practices since the inception of the ATAR system, lona has again this year resisted the temptation to use incomplete data without having made further attempts to access more complete information.

Our Catholic, Christian culture invites us to see each person as much more than a rank and a score, however important these scores are.

The numbers that our Year 12 graduates received today represent keys to open doors for future academic pathways, and we are proud to have assisted our students to access these opportunities.

We look forward to receiving further data in 2023, which will help outline the post-school destinations of our students.

Of course, we will continue to support students and families, regardless of score, to help graduates find the best pathway for them.

With all of this in mind, there are still some achievements and figures that we can faithfully and confidently share with our community.

• 99.5% of our Year 12 cohort have completed the requirements to attain their Queensland Certificate of Education in preparation for their next steps in 2023.

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• 108 students did one or more Certificate courses while in Year 12.

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- 170 Vocational Education and Training qualifications were awarded to Iona students in 2022. These
  included:
  - 1 Certificate I
  - 63 Certificate II
  - 101 Certificate III
  - 1 Certificate IV
  - 4 Diplomas
- 13 students undertook a school-based apprenticeship across a range of fields having successfully entered workplaces whilst also completing their school-based courses.
- 75% of our students were ATAR eligible.
- 7 of our students will receive the QCAA's Certificate of Academic Commendation for achieving straight-A results in all 6 of their QCAA General subjects.

Again, we congratulate our 2022 Iona College graduates on their contribution to our community. We thank them and their families for entrusting us with the honour of working with them, to help equip the members of our class of 2022 to serve their community in the years that follow.

Congratulations, and God bless,

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