



2023 YEAR 7 – PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT





Mr Brayden Teece – Dean of Oblate Identity & Community





Fr Michael Twigg OMI – College Rector



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We take a moment to stop and be mindful of Australia's history and Indigenous culture, acknowledging the Quandamooka peoples, upon whose lands Iona College stands.

We respect and honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders past, present and emerging.

We acknowledge the importance of hearing story, seeing traditions, and feeling the importance of living indigenous cultures on our land.

Here at Iona, we commit to growing in unity as a nation where reconciliation and justice flourish.





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICES

We acknowledge and give thanks for all men and women in the armed and emergency services whose generosity and dedication continue to help us grow as a nation of peace, harmony and freedom.

ORIGINS OF THE COLLEGE



IONA OBLATE COMMUNITY





OUR VISION

Iona strives to be the accessible and aspirational Catholic school for families, forming men who are authentic, grounded, respectful and connected to a community that, like Jesus, serves and inspires others.

OUR MISSION

Through God's gift of the Oblate charism, Iona College will continue to invest in our community to form young men who are inspired to grow into their potential to live, learn, lead, and serve.

IONA LEADERSHIP TEAM

OBLATE PASTORAL TEAM



Fr Michael Twigg OMI
Rector



Mrs Liz Madden
Dean of Catholic Faith
and Mission



Mr Brayden Teece
Dean of Oblate Identity
and Community



Mrs Susan Boban
Manager Corporate Services

EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM



Mr Trevor Goodwin
Principal



Mrs Joan Boland
Executive Assistant



Mrs Donna Elkington
Dean of Learning and Teaching



Mr John Frare
Dean of College



Mr Peter Holmes
Dean of Primary



Mr Mark Harvey
Dean of Students



Mrs Susan Boban
Manager Corporate Services

MOMENTS OF GRACE



SCHOOL FEES

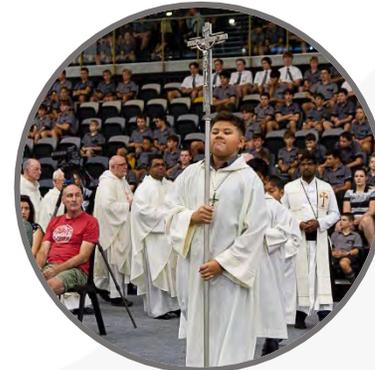
School fees are inclusive and cover all fees common to a Year Level. The only other charges which may appear on fee accounts will be for activities that are optional or restricted to a limited range of students, for example music fees, vocational education certificate fees, sporting and cultural camps and trips.

MOMENTS OF GRACE





Mr Kevin O'Brien – Head of Year 7



YEAR 7 PASTORAL CARE STRUCTURE

CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Heads of House / Homeroom Mentors

Head of Year 7
Kevin O'Brien

Assistant Head of Year 7
Alex Mylne

Assistant Head of Year 7
Andrew Ferguson

Heads of Wellbeing

Dean of Students
Mark Harvey

HOUSE STRUCTURE

Years 7–12 pastoral care is delivered via a House based, vertical structure.

What does this mean?

- Head of Year 7 and Assistant Head of Year 7 roles
- 10 Houses each with a Head of House (HOH)
- 5-6 Homerooms per House (approx. 27 boys per Homeroom)
- Continuity of care
- Challenge and support
- Yr 12 / 11 “big brothers” as mentors
- Sense of community, spirit and pride in the Homeroom and House
- Creates awareness of the ‘Black and White Spirit’

CONTACT DETAILS

- HEAD OF YEAR 7 – Kevin O’Brien – obrienk@iona.qld.edu.au
- ASSISTANT HEAD OF YEAR 7 – Alex Mylne – mylnea@iona.qld.edu.au (until WEEK 4)
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- **MCAULEY** – Sean Pearce – pearces@iona.qld.edu.au

PROSPER

“Respectful relationships are the glue that holds a positive school community together.” BeYou

PROSPER Lessons in 2023:

- Will be delivered by the classroom teacher each B week on Wednesday after Assembly
- Will focus on the SEARCH Framework and Respectful Relationships
- VIA Survey: www.viacharacter.org



Personal & Social Awareness	Valuing Diversity	VIA Survey	Respectful Interactions	Conflict Management
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ENGAGEMENT AND POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Term 1 Engagement Tracker

Stage	Homeroom	Playground	Stage	Maths	English	
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Referral PROSPER	T: D:	T: D:	Referral PROSPER	T: D:		T: D:
STAGE 4 Referral Dean of Students	D:	D:	STAGE 4 Referral Dean of Students	D:		D:
A = Poor attitude (emotional awareness) B = Out of bounds (self-regulation) C = Chewing gum (self-regulation) D = Disrespectful behaviour (relationships) E = Lack of engagement (love of learning)			H = Homework not completed or poor standard (habits and goals) L = Late for class (prudence) M = Materials not brought to class, including HPE uniform (habits and goals)			

'Above and Beyond' at Iona 			
Date	Teacher Code	Main Character Strength Shown/Code	Description of outstanding engagement/action
U – Consistent impeccable uniform standards (Attention and Awareness) R – Representing Iona to the highest of standards (Attention and Awareness) S – Standing up and saying something when someone needed support or wasn't getting something right (Coping) C – A significant contribution to House, School, or Portfolio (Strengths) A – Exceptional attitude (Emotional Management) N – Considerate of the needs of others (Relationships) O – Always organised with materials and completion of work (Habits and Goals)			
     			

COUNSELLING AND SAFEGUARDING



Rebecca Litchfield
Senior Psychologist
(on leave)



Emma Popoff
Acting Senior Psychologist



Bonnie Duncan



Megan Vardanega
Social Worker



Sam Butterworth
(Term 1)



Emma Bidstrup



Mick Geary



Peter Mondolo – Head of Learning & Teaching (Middle Years)



YEAR 7 ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Heads of House / Homeroom Mentors

Peter Mondolo
Head of Learning and Teaching – Middle Years

Carolynne Kelly
Head of Diverse Learning – Year 7

Heads of Faculty / Heads of Department

Donna Elkington
Dean of Learning and Teaching

WHAT TO EXPECT IN YEAR 7

- Help with the transition to secondary school
- Encouragement of independence
- Curriculum (development of core skills, introduction of new subjects)
- Challenges and 'busyness'
- Ups and downs



CURRICULUM

General

- Your sons will study subjects as prescribed by the Australian Curriculum
- The College is committed to delivering this curriculum in ways that engage the minds of adolescent males in the 21st century

Specifically

- Your sons remain in House groups for many of their lessons
- To promote a transition between primary and secondary schooling, we have adopted a core teacher model

JUNIOR / SENIOR LINK TUTORING

- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 7:55am
- Starts Week 3 in the Lecture Theatre
- Work one-on-one with a senior student

WAYS OF WORKING WITH TECHNOLOGY

OneNote is used widely across Iona

- All subjects have a class OneNote and can be accessed from home
- Subject content, activities and homework can be found here
- Homework can also be found on Compass in the newsfeed
- Students are encouraged to write homework down in their diaries

Education Perfect is new for 2023

- It is an online learning tool, which supplements learning and teaching
- It has course content for Maths, English, Science, HASS and a range of other subjects - one platform for all subjects

Teaching and Learning

Curriculum

[Learning Tasks](#)

[School Resources](#)

 [Profile](#) (Attendance, Schedule, Reports)

 [Send email to](#) teachers

 [View Academic Reports](#)

Payments Centre

Did you know that payments can be made through Compass for school fees, events, and voluntary contributions?

[Click here for more information](#)



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My News

Benjamin Wright
37 minutes ago

PHS HW Due Thurs 2/2

[EP: The Particle Model](#) (14 min)

Iona College
4 days ago

College Newsletter

[Iona News - 27 January 2023](#)



Parent:

Active

Dashboard **Learning Tasks** Insights Conferences Billing Communications

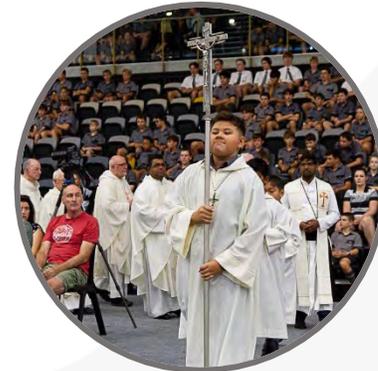
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 10 English			
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Mr Alex Mylne – Assistant Head of Year 7



COMMUNICATION

- Primarily the College newsletters – general and sport
- Twitter (especially for sport cancellations)
- Is your email address current?
- Kevin O'Brien, Alex Mylne or Andrew Ferguson – pastoral issues
- Head of House and Homeroom mentor
- Class teacher – academic

STUDENT ABSENCE

The College has an automated student absentee system.

Please call: **3893 8889** before 10.00am

- A text message will be sent to your mobile if a call is not received.
- When arriving late to school, the boys need to sign in at student reception

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Use of laptops
- Charging of laptops
- Writing in exercise books
- Communication students / teachers
- Uniforms – worn correctly and with pride; clearly labelled and hair neat and tidy
- “I” cap / black broad brimmed hat – always to be worn outdoors
- Iona bag is essential - Iona satchel for books plus a laptop bag
- Sunscreen is the student’s responsibility
- If phones are brought to school, they are switched off and kept in lockers at all times - students can use the phone in Student Reception if required

SOCIAL MEDIA AND WELLBEING

- Keep a balance - no phones/devices in bedrooms
- Instagram, Snapchat etc. – follow your child if you allow them to be involved on social media
- Encourage respectful online interactions at all times and with all people
- Be safe and secure online – your digital footprint is forever

IMMUNISATIONS

- Consent forms were issued last Wednesday.
- Please return consent forms by Wednesday 8 February (next week)
- Dates of immunisations are on the College Calendar
- First round is Wednesday 8 March 2023

HOUSE MASS

- The Oblate Priests offer *Mass* every school day at 8am in the College Chapel
- Students are encouraged to attend *Mass* when their House is rostered, once a fortnight
- Parents or friends are openly invited to *Mass* any morning – please sign in at *Main Reception*

PARENTAL ASSISTANCE

Parents can assist by:

- providing a quiet place to work;
- establishing a study routine;
- supervising study and homework;
- encouraging effort, PERSISTENCE and a positive attitude;
- supervising computer usage;
- contacting teachers if homework/assignments seem to be causing problems for your son;
- communicating with us.



Mr Trevor Goodwin - Principal



UNITY

I dreamt I stood in a studio,
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a
young child's mind,
And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher, the tools he used
Were books, music, and art.
One a parent with a guiding hand
And a gentle loving heart.

Day after day, the teacher toiled,
With a touch that was deft and sure.
While the parent laboured by his side,
And polished and smoothed it o'er.

And when at last, their work was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had molded into the child,
Could neither be sold nor bought.

And each agreed they would have failed
If each had worked alone,
For behind the parent stood the school
And behind the teacher the home.

- Author Unknown

MOMENTS OF GRACE





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PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT – VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are a vital part of the Iona community.

We do understand that some of our families are not in a position to be able to commit to the volunteering opportunities available and the College has the option of a Commitment Levy of \$140 per family, that can be paid in lieu of volunteering.

If you do not complete this Volunteering Expression of Interest Form, it will be assumed that you are opting to pay the Commitment Levy in lieu.

Thank you for being a special part of our community and contributing to the growth of our Ionians.





**PARENTS & FRIENDS
ASSOCIATION (P&F)**





IONA COLLEGE



WELCOME BBQ

Iona College Parents and Friends Association would like to invite Year 5, Year 7 and all new Iona families to a "Welcome BBQ" – an opportunity to meet new families and reconnect with others.

DATE: Sunday 5 February

TIME: 3.00 - 5.00pm

VENUE: The hill in front of Fr Daly Art Precinct

TICKETS: trybooking.com/CFHF1

This event is kindly hosted by the P&F and the BBQ is complimentary – drinks will be available to purchase.

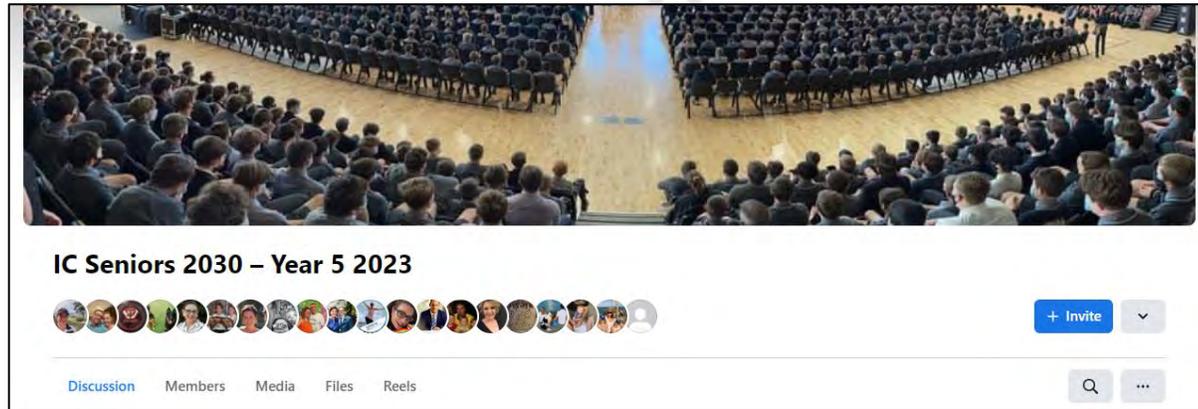
To assist us with catering please RSVP by Thursday 2 February.

Please note this is an alcohol-free event and all the family of new students are welcome.



COMMUNICATION

FACEBOOK PAGES:



COMPASS:



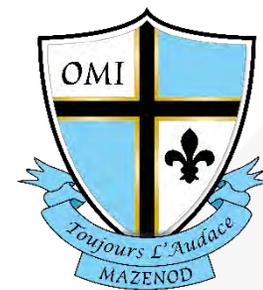
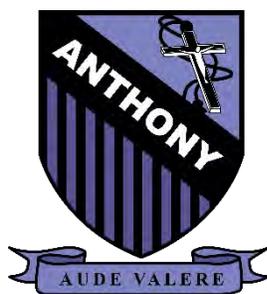
IONA SPORT OVERVIEW

- Part of the AIC sporting competition
- Matches predominately played on Saturday mornings
- Seasons generally last 7 weeks plus a trial match

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Other Sports
AFL	Football	Basketball	Touch Football
Cricket	Rugby Union	Tennis	Sailing
Swimming	Chess	Athletics	E-Sports
	Cross Country	Rugby League	Volleyball – Year 7 onwards

IONA SPORT

- Interhouse – representing your house
- AIC – representing Iona
- High Performance – representing the District & Region



SPORT LESSONS

Every Tuesday - what do I need to bring?

- Sports Uniform
- Hat
- Water bottle
- A note if unable to bring uniform



What sport specific gear do I need to bring?

- Any equipment needed for your sport:
 - Cricket bat
 - Football boots
 - Mouthguards



Mrs Megan Vardanega - College Social Worker and National Oblate Safeguarding Coordinator



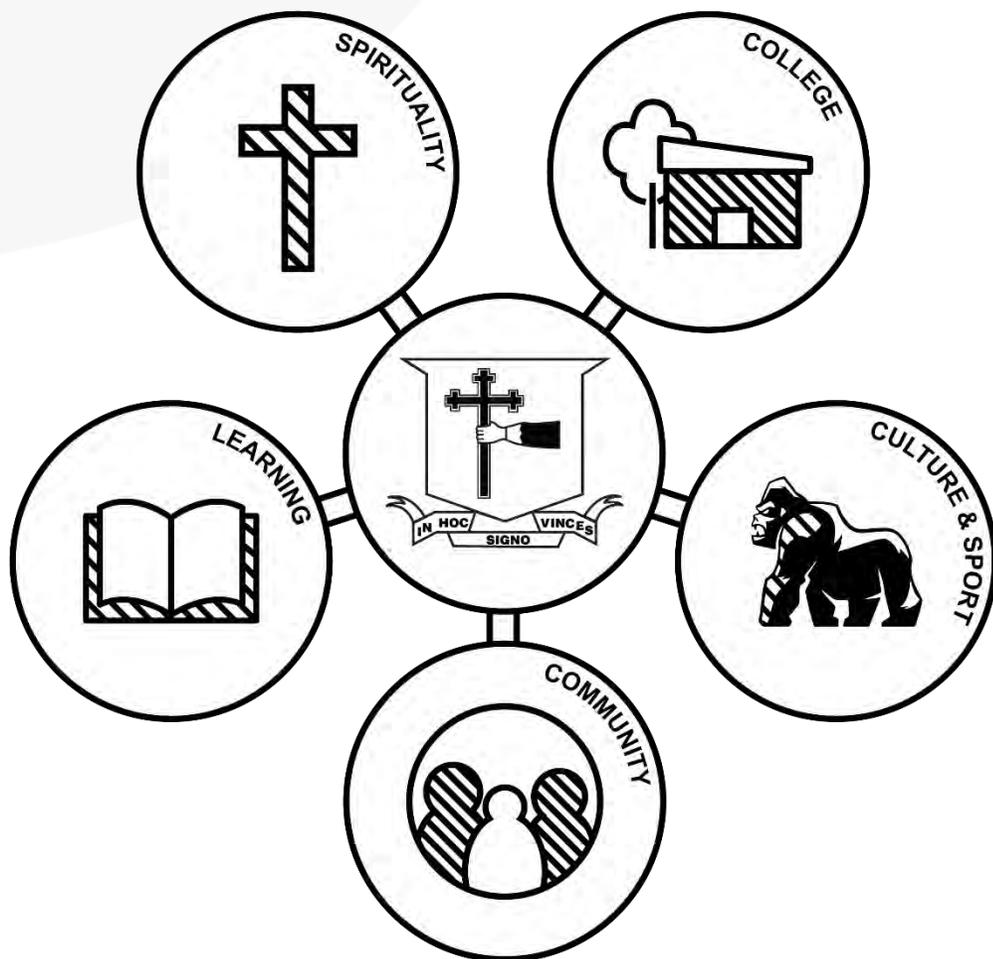
OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE

Ministries include:

- Iona College – Brisbane
- Mazenod College – Perth
- Mazenod College – Melbourne
- Rosies Qld
- Rosies Oblate Youth Mission – Melbourne
- Oblate Youth Australia



IONA COLLEGE SAFEGUARDING LOGO AND COMMITMENT STATEMENT



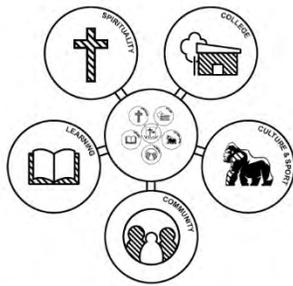
The Oblates of Mary Immaculate and Iona College commit to the highest levels of safeguarding in all aspects of the school community, with the safety and well-being of each person the highest priority.

This includes a commitment to continuously reviewing and improving policies and processes so as to comply with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and relevant legal obligations and building a culture which places the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults at the core of all thinking and action.

IONA SAFEGUARDING RESOURCES



"I SAFE"

At Iona we want you to **FEEL SAFE** and **BE SAFE**
IT'S OKAY TO TALK TO SOMEBODY

At Iona you can talk to the following people:











WE HAVE RULES TO MAKE SURE ADULTS **RESPECT AND PROTECT** YOU

IT'S **OKAY** TO TALK TO SOMEBODY

AT IONA YOU CAN TALK TO:



WE WILL **ALWAYS** LISTEN TO YOU

KIDS HELPLINE

YOU CAN CHAT TO KIDS HELPLINE ABOUT ANYTHING!

PHONE: 1800 55 1800
 ONLINE CHAT: www.kidshelpline.com.au

"I SAFE"



IONA COLLEGE

EVERY PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO BE:

- **PROTECTED**
- **RESPECTED**

IONA SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

Zero tolerance. No excuse for abuse.	Prioritise the safety of all people in our school community.
Build a safeguarding culture.	Respond effectively to abuse concerns & complaints.

IT'S NEVER OKAY FOR SOMEONE TO:

- HIT OR HURT YOU ✗
- YELL OR SWEAR AT YOU ✗
- FIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU ✗
- SHOW YOU SEXUAL PHOTOS OR VIDEOS ✗
- TOUCH THE PRIVATE PARTS OF YOUR BODY IN AN INAPPROPRIATE WAY ✗
- MAKE YOU TOUCH OR SHOW YOUR PRIVATE PARTS ✗
- MAKE YOU KEEP SECRETS ✗

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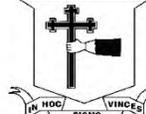
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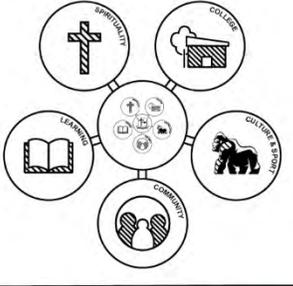
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Safeguarding Policy

Children and Vulnerable Adults

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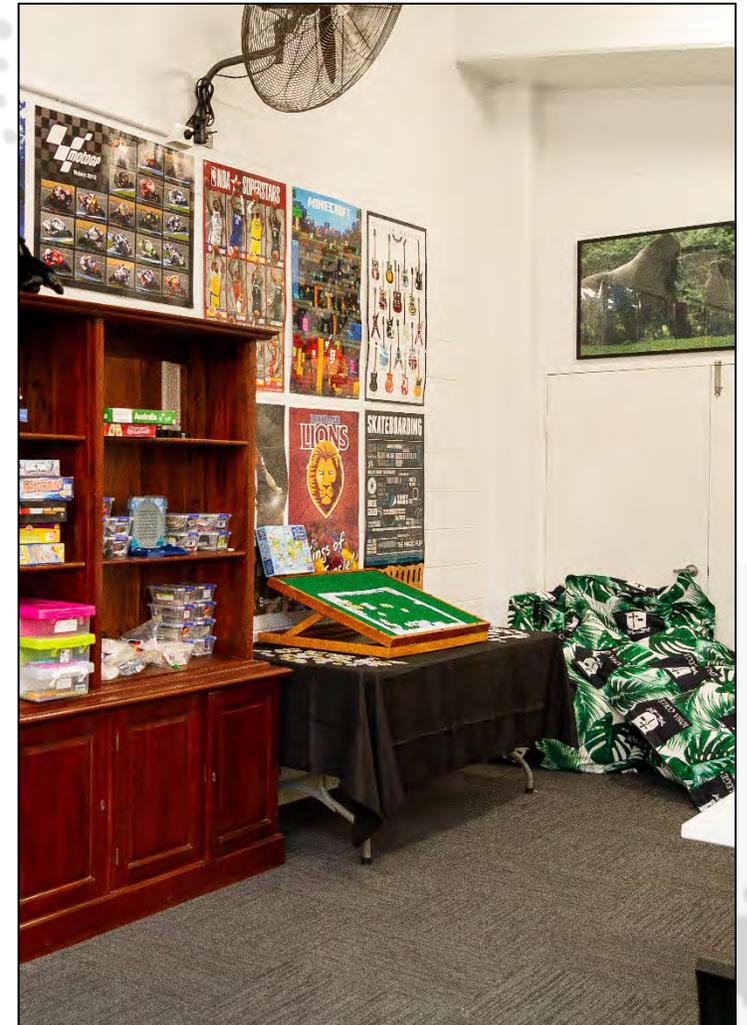
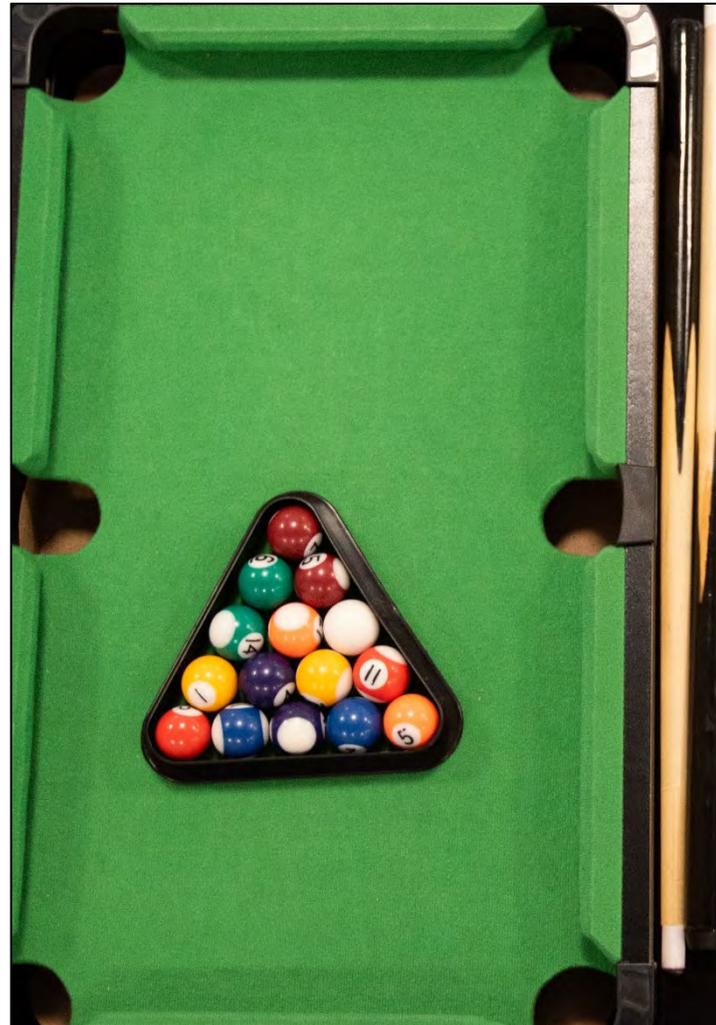
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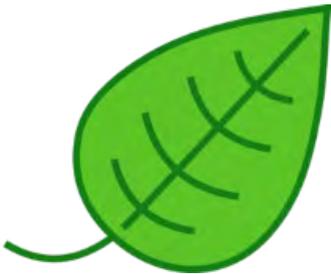
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STUDENT HUB



SEASONS FOR GROWTH



DELTA CLASSROOM CANINES AT IONA, SPONSORED BY THE P&F





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