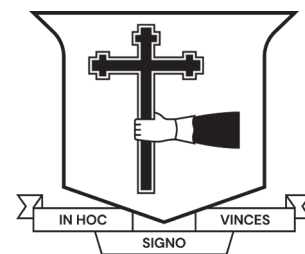


# IONA COLLEGE

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



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Dear Iona community,

This morning Year 12 students across Queensland received their final Year 12 results and ATAR scores for those students who elected to pursue an ATAR pathway in their Senior Studies. Iona College acknowledges the work and effort of every Year 12 student, from our own College and from every school within our wider community. We pass on our best wishes to all who competed Year 12 in 2023.

This letter also gives us the opportunity to formally recognise and thank every family and staff member who has assisted our young Ionians during their development and progress. Iona College appreciates the close relationship between school staff and families, and this has been a core element of our community. We also give thanks to all staff in all schools who have helped the students in their care. Our society needs and appreciates their service.

While recognising all Year 12 students, we especially give thanks to God for the efforts of our own graduating class of 2023, who have again 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.

Since its inception this program has seen our 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.

Again in 2023, our Year 12 cohort led our College with a sense of community, dignity and goodwill and we thank them for their contribution to the continual growth and development of Iona College and their willingness to Live, Learn, Lead and Serve.

The final results of each student, including ATAR scores, belong to those students individually and unless a school has received permission to access ATAR scores from every one of its Year 12 students, any published data does not accurately represent the entirety of its Year 12 cohort. Therefore, while some schools may move to quickly share a range of data and percentages with a variety of audiences, as per our previous practices since the inception of the ATAR system, Iona will again this year resist the temptation to use incomplete data without making 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. As is the case every year, 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.

Of course, we will continue to support students and families, regardless of score, to help graduates find the best pathway for them. We thank members of our Pathways and Academic Teams as well as members of our College Leadership Team who have made themselves available to the 2023 Year 12 cohort and their families today.

We look forward to receiving further data in 2024, which will help outline the post-school destinations of our students.

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

- 100% of our Year 12 cohort have completed the requirements to attain their Queensland Certificate of Education in preparation for their next steps in 2024.
- 123 students did one or more Certificate courses while in Year 11 and 12.
- 187 Vocational Education and Training qualifications were awarded to Iona students in 2023. These included:
  - 2 Certificate I
  - 79 Certificate II
  - 106 Certificate III
- 29 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.
- 6 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.
- 70 students have already received early offers to university courses for 2024 prior to the main round of tertiary offers which will occur in January.

Again, we congratulate our 2023 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 2023 to serve their community in the years that follow.

Congratulations, and God bless,



Trevor Goodwin  
Principal



Fr Michael Twigg OMI  
Rector

**MOMENTS OF GRACE**

