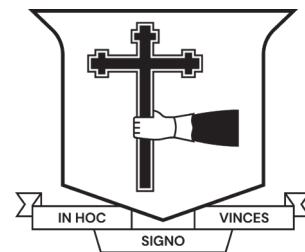


IONA COLLEGE

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



10 January 2024

Dear Iona families,

While everyone enjoys a well-earned rest over the Christmas break, we are already looking forward to welcoming you back for the start of the new school year.

To assist your preparations, we have outlined important dates and details for the start of the 2024 school year below.

Please carefully read the areas applicable to your year level AND House, so that you are fully aware of where, when and with whom you need to meet on your required days.

Tuesday 23 January

Students in the following year levels are to attend for their first day. All other students attend school on **Wednesday 24 January**.

- Year 5
- Year 7
- Year 11 (buddies only)
- Year 12

We invite all parents and guardians of students in Years 5 and 7 to accompany your son to The Provenance Centre for a short welcome. Parent seating will be allocated.

Our P&F Committee volunteers will warmly welcome our new families on Tuesday 23 January with light refreshments to be served after a short welcome in The Provenance Centre.

YEAR 5

Tuesday 23 January

Meet with Mr Holmes and Mr Condon in The Provenance Centre by 8.20am.

Wednesday 24 January

Meet with class teachers in classrooms by 8.25am.

YEAR 6

Wednesday 24 January

Meet with class teachers in classrooms by 8.25am.

YEAR 7

Tuesday 23 January

Meet with Mr O'Brien in The Provence Centre by 8.20am. Please stand under your allocated House banner.

There will be staff House Mentors and House Leaders to help you find your correct meeting place. All Year 7 students must also bring on the day:

- Togs
- Rashie
- Towel
- Black, broad-brimmed lona hat and/or lona l-cap
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- House sport uniform (House shirt, black sports shorts and joggers)

Wednesday 24 January

All Years 8–11 students are to meet in the following House areas by 8.20am:

ALBINI – IPAC Theatre	ANTHONY – Fr Daly Precinct
CHISHOLM CEBULA – Hannah Hall	CHARLEBOIS – Shorthall Amphitheatre
GERARD – Green Room	GRANDIN – Tuckshop Amphitheatre
LONG – Oblate Hall	MACKILLOP – Lecture Theatre
MAZENOD – IPAC Foyer	MCAULEY – Daly 7 & 8

YEARS 8–11 – NEW STUDENTS ONLY

Tuesday 23 January

All **NEW** students in Years 8–11 in 2024 are to meet at The Provence Centre Forecourt beside the mosaic by 8.20am. There will be staff House Mentors and House Leaders to help you find your correct meeting place.

Parents please note that Years 8–11 new students can be picked up at the conclusion of morning tea at 11.22am from the front of Main Reception.

Wednesday 24 January

All students are to meet in the following House areas by 8.20am:

ALBINI – IPAC Theatre	ANTHONY – Fr Daly Precinct
CHISHOLM CEBULA – Hannah Hall	CHARLEBOIS – Shorthall Amphitheatre
GERARD – Green Room	GRANDIN – Tuckshop Amphitheatre
LONG – Oblate Hall	MACKILLOP – Lecture Theatre
MAZENOD – IPAC Foyer	MCAULEY – Daly 7 & 8

YEAR 11 'BUDDIES' & YEAR 12

Tuesday 23 January

All students are to meet in the following areas by 8.20am:

ALBINI – IPAC Theatre	ANTHONY – Fr Daly Precinct
CHISHOLM CEBULA – Hannah Hall	CHARLEBOIS – Shorthall Amphitheatre
GERARD – Green Room	GRANDIN – Tuckshop Amphitheatre
LONG – Oblate Hall	MACKILLOP – Lecture Theatre
MAZENOD – IPAC Foyer	MCAULEY – Daly 7 & 8

Year 11 'Buddies' are only required to attend until morning tea on Tuesday 23 January.

Wednesday 24 January

All students are to meet in the following House areas by 8.20am:

ALBINI – IPAC Theatre	ANTHONY – Fr Daly Precinct
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The passing of Iona staff member – Mr Stephen Tait

Parents and community members will be aware of the death of much-loved staff member, Mr Stephen Tait on 26 December 2023. While a funeral service was held at the College for Mr Tait on 8 January 2024, the College staff and students have not yet had an opportunity to celebrate Mr Tait's life and his significant contribution to our community.

At our first College assembly on Wednesday 24 January, there will be a brief acknowledgement and reflection of Mr Tait's contribution and passing. Our Catholic Christian understanding of eternal life and God's love means that we hold the belief that we will one day experience the love of Mr Tait's compassion and the humour and wisdom of his stories. Our recognition of Mr Tait's passing will acknowledge the hope contained within that understanding. We thank all the members of our community for their messages of support at this very sad time.

FOR ALL STUDENTS – New and Continuing

Please remember Iona College's expectations in relation to personal presentation as we begin 2024. All students are expected to have an Iona College school bag and bring all their school equipment on the first day.

Year 11 & 12 students are to wear the Iona College embroidered white shirt, College tie and College grey felt hat. The College grey felt hat is part of the uniform for Years 11 & 12 and is expected to be worn to and from school. Socks are to be pulled up to the knee at all times.

Shoes are to be black, leather school shoes. Black jogger-style shoes are not acceptable.

Haircuts

From Day 1, haircuts are to be in accordance with College expectations:

- Hair must be above the collar at the back, no longer than half-ear at the sides, with sideburns also no longer than half-ear.
- The fringe must remain clear of the eyes and face.
- It is to be a graded, even cut no shorter than a No. 2 blade. An 'even cut' means that shorter hair at the back and sides must be blended gradually into longer hair on top. Hair cannot be two distinct lengths (e.g. undercut styles are not permitted).
- Layered cuts, use of hair ties, and tinting, colouring, streaking, etc., are not permitted.
- Gels or styling creams are not to be used. Radical shaping or styling of hair is not permitted.
- If a fringe is long enough to be tucked behind the ears, it is too long and must be cut.
- Mullet-style haircuts are not permitted. This includes faux or short-mullet styles where the fringe and back of the cut is shorter, with the side above and near the ears being shaved or clipped.

Facial hair

Students are to be clean-shaven at all times, including exam block. If this standard is not maintained, a student will be required to shave at school under the direction of their Mentor, Head of House or Year Level Co-ordinator.

Tattoos

Families and students are also reminded that regardless of age and cultural background, tattoos must not be visible at any time while a student is in uniform, attending College events or representing Iona in any capacity. This includes training for or playing sports.

Further information on Iona College's expectations for uniform, behaviour and procedures can be found in the [Parent Handbook](#).

Mr Ben Devlin – Acting Dean of Students

Mr Brayden Teece – Dean of Oblate Identity and Community

Mr Kevin O'Brien – Head of Year 7

Mr Peter Holmes – Dean of Primary

Tuesday 23 January –
all new students meet
in The Provenance Centre

