

2024 YEAR 7 – PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT













Mr Kevin O'Brien – Head of Year 7











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.

May they continue to draw on God's grace for strength and guidance.



Fr Lewy Keelty OMI – Year 5, 6 & 7 Chaplain











IONA COLLEGE PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

Fill my soul with your compassion for others; fire my heart with your courage and infinite love;

enlighten my mind with your wisdom; teach me to reach out to you in my need and help me to lead others to you by my example.

Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve you with all my strength touch gently this life, which you have created, now and forever.

Amen





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

ORIGINS OF THE COLLEGE



IONA OBLATE COMMUNITY

Fr Joe Antony OMI Rector (from July 2024)

Fr Lewy Keelty OMI College Chaplain (Years 5, 6 & 7)

Fr John Sherman OMI College Chaplain (Years 8–12)

Fr Vasanthan Anthonipillai OMI Cannon Hill Parish Priest

Fr Joshua Nash OMI Rosies Chaplain (from April 2024)

Br Martin Pham Pre-Noviciate



OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE

Ministries include:

- Iona College Brisbane
- Mazenod College Perth
- Mazenod College Melbourne
- St Eugene College Burpengary
- Rosies Qld
- **Rosies Oblate** Youth Mission
 - Melbourne
- **Oblate Youth** Australia
- De Mazenod Family
- Parishes within Australia







OUR VISION

lona 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, lona 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



Mr Trevor Goodwin Principal



Fr Joe Antony OMI Rector (from July 2024)



Mr Peter Holmes Dean of Primary Years



Mrs Liz Madden Dean of Catholic Faith and Mission



Mr Brayden Teece Dean of Oblate Identity and Community



Mrs Donna Elkington Dean of Learning and Teaching



Mr Peter Mondolo Dean of College (Acting)



Mrs Susan Boban Manager Corporate Services



Mr Ben Devlin Dean of Students (Acting)



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
Adam Easton

Heads of Wellbeing

Dean of Students Ben Devlin (Acting)

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

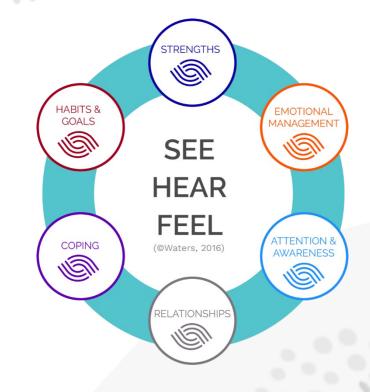
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PROSPER

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

PROSPER Lessons in 2024:

- Will be delivered by the classroom teacher each B week on a Thursday
- Will focus on the SEARCH Framework and Respectful Relationships
- VIA Survey: <u>www.viacharacter.org</u>



Personal & Social Awareness	Valuing Diversity	VIA Survey	Respectful Interactions	Conflict Management
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Behaviour Management

BEHAVIOUR AT IONA

Category	Level 2 Low-Level Behaviour Medium Level Behaviour Manage at classroom level Involve Head of House		Level 3 High-Level Behaviour Immediately refer to student reception on 353 or 241
	Minor, inappropriate behaviours	Repeated minor, inappropriate behaviours	Persistent and wilful inappropriate behaviours
	Eating in class	Throwing or mishandling food	
	Disobeying a reasonable request from a staff member	Blatant disobedience, dishonesty, or discourtesy Being disrespectful to a teacher	Verbal, physical, or sexual abuse and/or harassment of students, staff, or visitors to the school
	Inappropriate physical contact that is minor and isolated	Inappropriate physical contact that is minor and repeated or contact is moderate and/or more serious	Inappropriate physical contact that is severe, including fighting or acts that cause serious injury
	Disrespectful or inappropriate behaviour or comments towards another student	Disrespectful or inappropriate behaviour or comments directed toward a student over multiple instances	Ongoing, deliberate, disrespectful, hurtful, or inappropriat behaviour directed toward a student
of	Inappropriate language	Multiple instances of inappropriate language	Persistent, repeated use of inappropriate and/or vulgar language; swearing at a teacher
			Acts of bullying are serious and must be reported immediately
			Acts of Discrimination are serious and must be reported immediately
	Inappropriate Cultural Reference. This is unintentional offensive behaviour that is not intended to cause harm	Racially Offensive Behaviour. This is moderate, intentional, and intended to cause harm. The incident is isolated	Overt Racism that uses extreme racially offensive language and is intended to be hurtful and/or another L2 incident
	Littering	Persistent littering	
	Careless use of school property	Minor vandalism Reckless damage to property and/or continued careless use	Major acts of vandalism wilful damage to school or other's property
	Incorrect and/or untidy uniform	Wearing items of clothing not in the Uniform Policy	
	Non-compliance with personal grooming standards including haircut, shaving and jewellery	Repeated or significant breach of personal grooming standards, including unacceptable haircuts	
	Being in an out-of-bounds area		
		Misbehaviour outside school grounds whilst associated with the school	Bringing the School's name into disrepute
	Normal College rules apply – note minor indiscretions e.g., co-curricular uniform infringement	Unsportsmanlike behaviour Rude and/or disrespectful to parents and staff	Violent conduct for participants and viewers Red Card incidents; Inappropriate, vulgar language

Academic Conduct	HOMEWORK: Not completing set homework tasks	HOMEWORK: Repeatedly not completing set homework tasks	163.10
	ORGANISATION: Lack of preparedness for class – equipment, book, charged laptop etc	ORGANISATION: Continual lack of preparedness for class	
	BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDE: Disruption to the learning of others	BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDE: Persistent disruption to the learning of others	Breach of academic standards – severe or repeated n
	CLASSWORK AND EFFORT: Lack of effort and unacceptable level of completion of set tasks	CLASSWORK AND EFFORT: Ongoing and wilful lack of effort and unacceptable level of completion of set tasks	
Information and Communication & Technology	Breach of ICT Acceptable Use - minor	Breach of ICT Acceptable Use - major and/or repeated minor	Breach of ICT Acceptable Use - Major and/or sever
	Misuse of Teams and/or email – minor, internal	Misuse of Teams and/or email - serious, repeated, external	Misuse of Teams and/or email to a serious extent
	Mobile phone or smart watch on person and/or visible during school hours	Unauthorised use of mobile phone during school hours	
	Using headphones/earphones during school hours	Taking an image or recording of another student, staff member or member of the public without their consent.	Distributing an image or recording of another stude staff member or member of the public without the consent that causes significant humiliation, embarrassment or intimidation or with the intent to herass
			Other inappropriate behaviour deemed by the Princip Dean of College/ Students to be harmful to self, othe Iona and Iona Values
			L3 - Involvement from HoW, Dean of Students and
Range of Interventions Habits, Coping	Use Iona Essential Skills of Classroom Management Refer to Ready, Respectful, Safe Informal Growth Conversation Re-entry to class conversation – 30sec In-lesson, out of room reinforcement – 30sec Verbal reinforcement during lesson DL students – refer to IEP for regulation strategies LI – Teacher intervention Teacher-led Zmin lunch detention involving growth conversation Short email sent home to parents Appropriate U Compass entry NB – appendices with templates to help will	Ring 6734 and send student to intervention room D Latudents – refer to IEP for regulation strategies 12 – HoH Intervention Restorative Growth Meeting Parentel notification Mental Heelth Supports, including Counselling Specific behavioural education Lunch detention Lunch detention 12 – Increased HoH Intervention After School Detention Student Performance Growth card Withdrawal from classes Sent home to rectify breach Short Suspension – Internal, external – 1 day Restorative processes including counsellors	

In developing this Student Behaviour Policy, Ions has categorised student behaviour into three levels according to the gravity of the behaviour. This provides a clearly defined continuum rather than an exhaustive list, therefore, some low-level behaviours may continue and must still be managed at the classroom level. Furthermore, low-level behaviour can possibly be avoided by using appropriate classroom management techniques, engaging with parents, and discussing poor behaviour with the student by way of informal relational conversations. If the behaviour persists, then the staff member needs to refer to the appropriate wellbeing team member. These restorative measures show that we value our community, strong relationships and student's owning their behaviour, it is paramount that students are given the opportunity to flourish using the key Visible Wellbeing components of Strengths, Emotional Management, Attention and Awareness, Relationships, Coping and Habits and Goals.

COUNSELLING AND SOCIAL WORK



Emma Popoff Senior College Counsellor



Rebecca Litchfield Assistant Senior College Counsellor



Megan Vardanega Social Worker



Emma Bidstrup College Counsellor



Bonnie Duncan College Counsellor



Mick Geary College Counsellor



Emma Moore College Counsellor

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 \$150 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 lonians.



COMMUNICATION

FACEBOOK PAGE: COMPASS:

Year 7 2024







Welcome BBQ

Sunday 4 February, 3pm - 5pm Training Field 85 North Road, Lindum

lona 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.

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 via the TryBooking link below by 7pm on Thursday 1 February. Please note this is an alcohol-free event and all the family of new students are welcome.

trybooking.com/CNYCG



Built by our community, for our community. Since 1957.



Mr Adam Easton – Assistant Head of Year 7











COMMUNICATION

- Primarily the College newsletters general and sport
- Twitter (X)
- Is your email address current?
- Kevin O'Brien, Adam Easton pastoral issues
- Homeroom mentor
- Class teacher

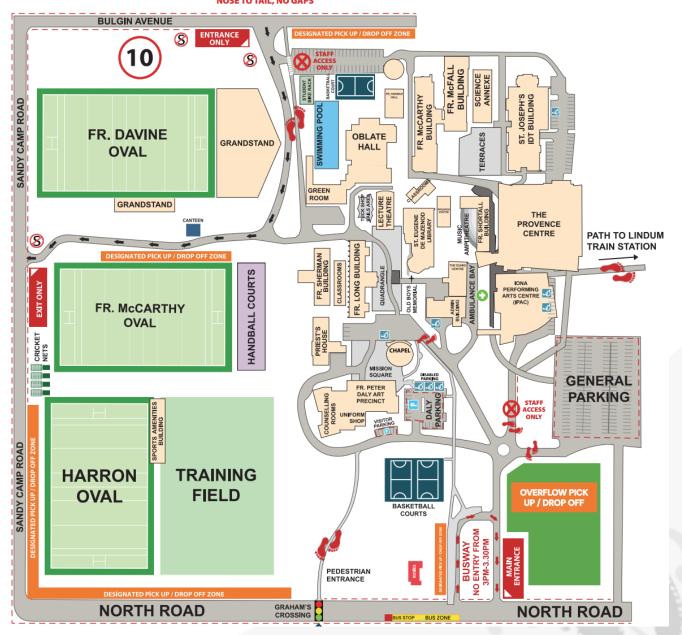
PICKUP AND DROP OFF ZONES

Please use the designated drop-off and pick-up zone between Davine and McCarthy ovals (accessed via Bulgin Avenue, refer to the attached College campus map for details).

Students are only to enter and exit the vehicle from the left, and only when you are in the drop-off/pick-up zone marked in yellow on the road. Please do not allow students to enter or exit the vehicle at the top of the hill.

The drop-off/pick-up zone operates as a flowing drop-off zone like a taxi rank. Please pull forward to the frontmost available bay to drop off or pick up your child.

PLEASE KEEP CLOSE TOGETHER:



STUDENT ABSENCE

The College has an automated student absentee system.

Please call 3893 8889 or use the College app (Compass) before 10am.

- A text message will be sent to your mobile if a call is not received.
- When arriving late to school, students need to sign in at PROSPER Student Reception.
- When leaving school early, parents must collect their children from the Administration Building Reception. Students MUST sign out at PROSPER Student Reception prior to leaving.
- For planned absences of three or more consecutive days, a Student Absence During Term Time application form must be submitted prior to the absence.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Use of laptops
- Charging of laptops
- Writing in exercise books
- 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

IMMUNISATIONS/ PHOTOS

- Consent forms were issued last Wednesday
- Please return consent forms by Wednesday 7 February (next week)
- Dates of immunisations are on the College Calendar
- First round is 27 March 2024

HOUSE MASS

- The College offers 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

FAMILY NIGHT MASS

McAuley 28 February (Term 1 Week 6)

Anthony 17 April (Term 2 Week 1)

Chisholm Cebula 2 May (Term 2 Week 3)

Albini 14 May (Term 2 Week 5)

Grandin 28 May (Term 2 Week 7)

Long 10 July (Term 3 Week 1)

Mazenod 18 July (Term 3 Week 2)

Charlebois 30 July (Term 3 Week 1)

Gerard 6 August (Term 3 Week 5)

MacKillop 8 August (Term 3 Week 5)

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

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.



Mrs Julie Kearns – Acting Head of Learning & Teaching – Middle Years











YEAR 7 ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Heads of House / Homeroom Mentors

Julie Kearns
Acting Head of Learning and
Teaching – Middle Years

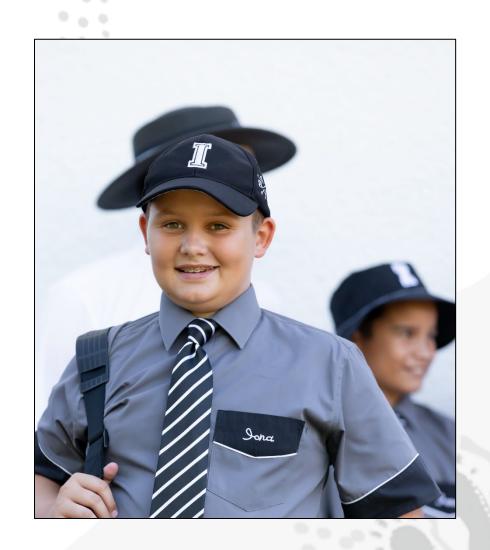
Carolyne Kelly Head of Diverse Learning – Year 7

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
- Inclusive education is at the centre of teacher planning, lessons and assessment

Specific

 To promote a transition between primary and secondary schooling, we have adopted a core teacher model (HASS & RE)

HOMEWORK & STUDY

Age	Time	Examples of home study activities
Year 7–8		 Maths homework e.g., worksheets, Education Perfect English activities e.g., spelling, skills books/worksheets, Reading (at least 20 minutes per day) Completion of set homework Revision of class work (journaling/2-week model) Assignments

- Planning a study timetable is must be done to fit into family life, not disrupt it. It is recommended parents and students work together to plan a study program.
- The student diary provides direction on how to set up a study timetable, and further resources are available at the Growth Hub on campus.

WAYS OF WORKING WITH TECHNOLOGY

OneNote is used widely across Iona

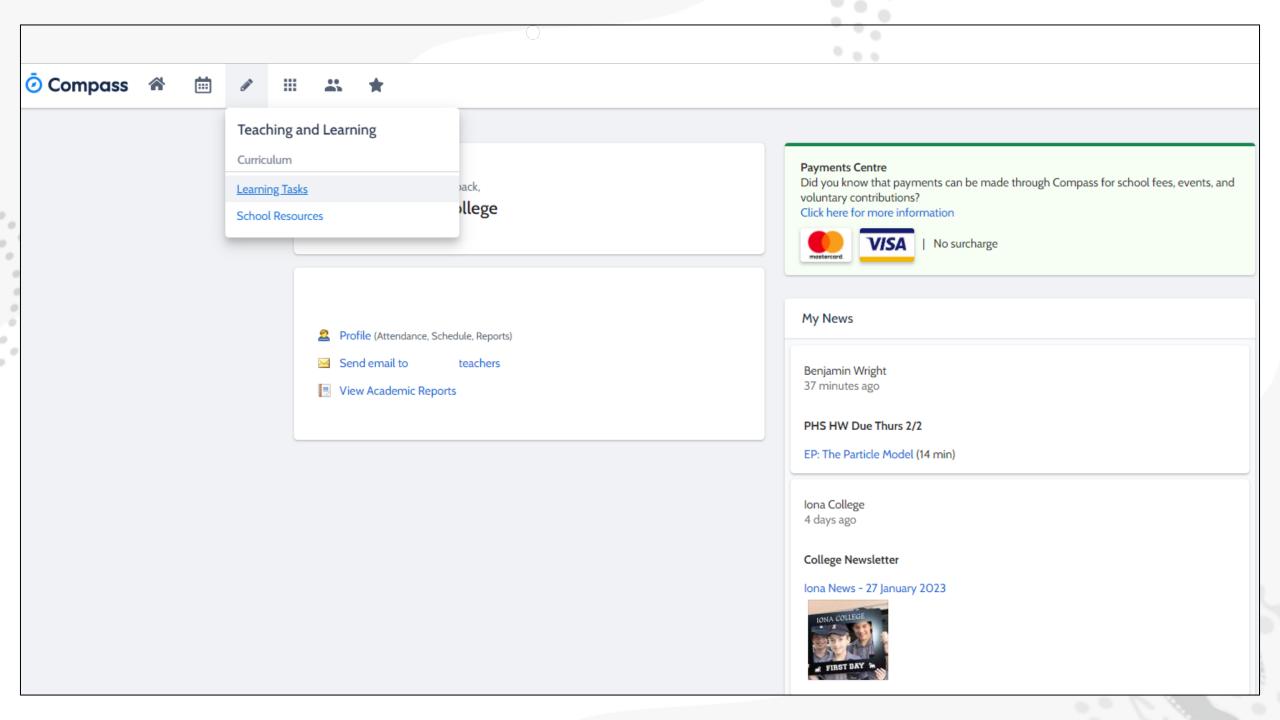
- All subjects have a class OneNote and can be accessed from home
- Subject content, activities and homework can be found here
- Homework can also be found on Compass in the newsfeed
- Students are encouraged to write homework down in their diaries

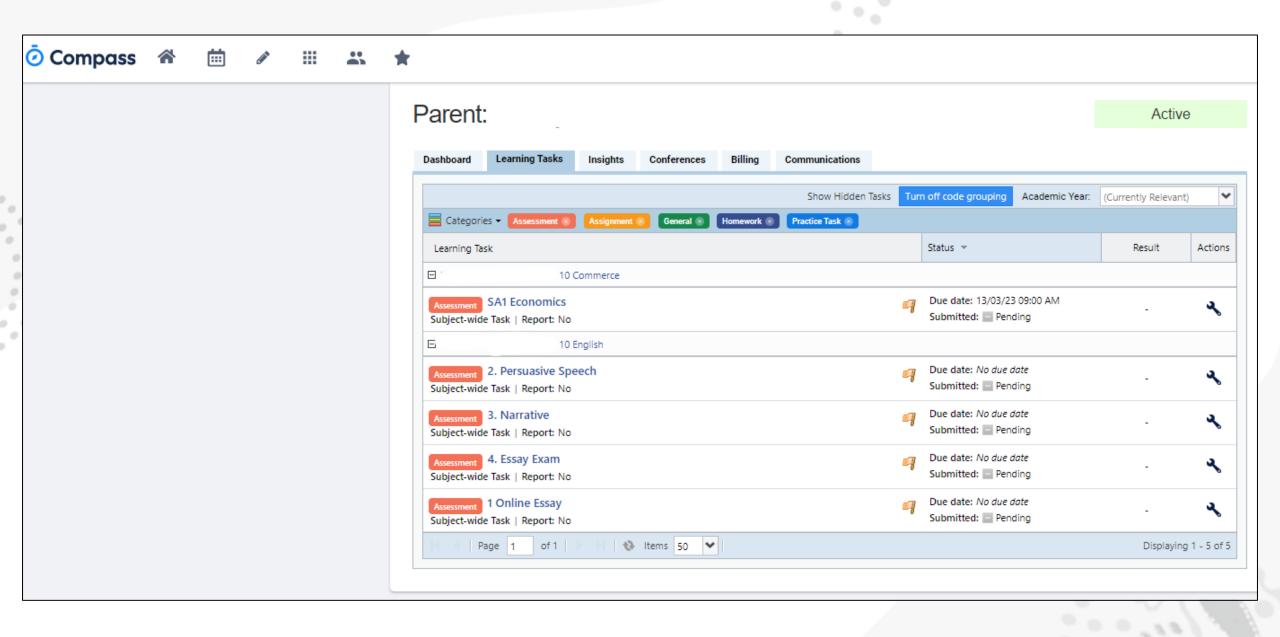
Education Perfect

- 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

JUNIOR / SENIOR LINK TUTORING

- Regular tutoring sessions between our junior and senior students.
- Supervised by a teacher, but run by the senior students
- Work one-on-one with a senior student
- Multiple sessions every week
- 3pm 4pm on Tuesday and Thursday in the Library







IONA COLLEGE TERM 1 2023 ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE - YEAR 7

NAPLAN 15/03 to 21/03 WEEK 1 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10 Persuasive Speech OUT DRAFT **FINAL** English (1st lesson) (2nd lesson) (1st lesson) Maths **EXAM** Science **EXAM** FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT (In-Class Task) Religion Humanities Written Report and Social OUT DRAFT **FINAL** Sciences Formative Judgment Industrial Technology OUT DUE Physical Ongoing practical assessment (Swimming) Education Theory task and painting Visual Art ONGOING FEEDBACK OUT DUE Digital **EXAM** Technologies PERFORMANCE → continues into Term 2 Drama **EXAM** Japanese (Reading) Composition (Class D) or Performance (Classes H, B, F, J) Music CHECKPOINT DUE OUT

^{***} assessment dates are subject to minor changes



Mr Craig Stariha – Head of Sport











IONA SPORT OVERVIEW

- Iona is a member of the AIC sporting association
- Matches are predominately played on Saturday. Some are played on Friday evenings
- Seasons generally last approx. 9-10 weeks. 7 Rounds, 2-3 trial weeks

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Other Sports
AFL	Football	Basketball	Touch Football
Cricket	Rugby Union	Tennis	Sailing/Golf
Swimming	Chess	Track & Field	E-Sports/Water polo
Volleyball	Cross Country	Rugby League	Mountain Biking

SPORT LESSONS

All Year 7 students will have one sport lesson per week – Wednesday in week 'A' &

Tuesday in week 'B'

What do I need to bring?

- House Shirt
- Hat
- Water bottle
- A note if unable to participate

What sport specific gear do I need to bring?

Any equipment needed for your sport:

- Cricket bat, protector
- Football boots
- Mouthguards



NEW IN 2024

 As from next week. All Year 7 students will be able to wear the following to and from school on their sport lesson day.



Iona polo shirt
Iona PE sports shorts
Iona socks and shoes



• They must still bring their Iona House Shirt as they will not be able to participate in sport in their polo shirt.

What do I wear to training & AIC fixtures?

PE and Year Level Sport

House shirt and PE shorts





AIC Training (before or after school) – Iona Black & White training shirt or the Yura training shirt and PE shorts





AIC Fixtures –
the specific lona
uniform
associated with
that sport as
specified in the
newsletter



REPRESENTATIVE SPORT

- lona is part of the Lytton District (boys turning 10–12),
 Composite District (boys turning 13–19) as well as the Metropolitan East Region
- Trial information and important dates will be posted in the sports newsletter each Wednesday. Reminders are given in daily bulletin too.
- Very limited by how many we can send to each trial

THE 3 GOLDEN RULES

- Check the Sports Newsletter
 - Comes out every Wednesday
 - Has all the important info, times ,venues, training times for each sport
 - Upcoming events such as sport sign-ons, carnivals, trials, rep sport nominations
- Get on (X) formerly Twitter
 - @Sportlona
 - We will post up to date information on weather, last minute cancellations, any changes to game times or venues etc.
 - Access Facebook: Iona Brisbane
- Don't stress, ask the questions! Email or ring the contacts in the newsletter pertaining to each of the sports. Alternatively, please email or ring me



Mr Brian L'Huillier - Head of Instrumental Music











Co-Curricular Music

- Lessons and Ensembles begin Week 2 and 3
- Two major concerts this Term - Week 9 & 10
- Availability for lessons on most instruments inc. voice



INSTRUMENTS IN YEAR 7

- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Double Bass
- Clarinet
- Saxophone (alto, tenor, baritone)
- Flute
- Bassoon
- Oboe
- Voice

- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Baritone
- Tuba
- Euphonium
- Electric/Acoustic Bass
- Guitar
- Percussion (marimba, glockenspiel, xylophone, timpani, snare drum ...)
- Piano



- Time management
- Team building
- Delayed gratification
- Social skills
- Perseverance
- Focus
- Discipline

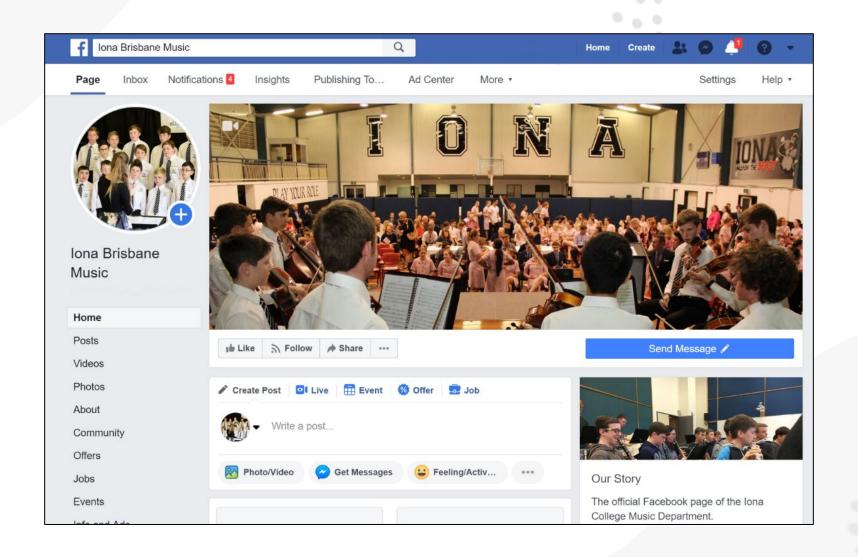
- Enhanced co-ordination
- New pathways in the brain
- Comprehension skills
- Emotional response
- Stress relief



MUSIC SUPPORTERS GROUP

- Assist the music department in its presentations and events throughout the year.
- Meetings are held twice a term, 7.00pm in the music rooms, under IPAC.
- Contact music administration on 3906 8908 or email Mrs Kirsten Hudson <u>ionamusic@iona.qld.edu.au</u>.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK - IONA BRISBANE MUSIC





Mr Kevin O'Brien – Head of Year 7









