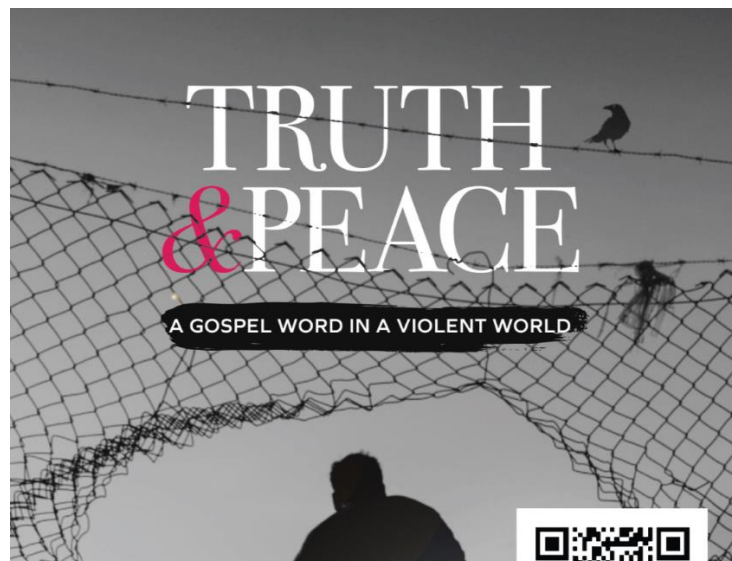


22 August 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since 1940, the Australian Catholic Bishops have released a major social justice statement each year in time for Social Justice Sunday, this year it is called 'Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World'. Through this tradition, Catholic Social Teaching develops, thereby encouraging the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. Statements of Popes and Church leaders remind us of the social dimension of the mission of the Church and motivates us to consider needs beyond our own.

This coming Sunday is Social Justice Sunday, and this year, Australia's Bishops invite us to reflect on what we, as Christians, are called to do in a world under pressure from war and violence. The Gospel calls us to embrace the fundamental truth that every person on earth has a God-given dignity which cannot be taken away or ignored. From this truth flows the realisation that there is no 'us' or 'them', and everyone on earth, whatever their race, creed or status, is a sister, a brother. We are all children of God and being reminded of this truth is key to overcoming violence and conflict. Armed not with guns and missiles, but with love for others, this Sunday we are reminded to speak of peace and take action to promote peace in a violent world. The challenge that we set for our Iona community is to extend peaceful talk and action beyond one day, into the everyday. Practicing peace in our homes, schools, workplaces, and social settings encourages our young people to resolve conflict in non-violent ways, and supports a peaceful and gentle world where difference is celebrated and human dignity is assured.



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Columba Day – Colourful Fancy Dress



Planning is well underway for our Columba Day celebrations, which will be on the last day of term, Friday 20th September. The day will begin with a Mass celebrated by a member of our Advisory Council, Fr Linh. This will be Fr Linh's final College mass before relocating to his new parish in Melbourne. The Stadium works will prevent us from gathering as a full community, so some students and staff will attend Mass in the Resource Centre and others will participate via the livestream, which will also be accessible to Parents and Carers. An invitation has been extended to students so that they can choose their mode of participation, and we encourage those who wish to attend in person, to sign up via the link on SIMON notices. Please encourage your young person to consider how they would like to connect with this faith ritual on our special day of celebration, Columba Day.

The day will also include food trucks, fun activities, Staff versus Students games, colourful fancy dress and a welcome back of our Lorne 120 runners. Keep your eye on our socials and future editions of the Weekly News for further details of this day.

Staff Formation Day

Next Friday is a student-free day, which will provide an opportunity for staff to participate in a day of identity formation and reflection. The faith journey is life-long, and it is important that staff, just like students, have time set aside to learn about, wonder and reflect on aspects of faith. This focus day will allow staff to connect to each other, to the Catholic tradition and to our First Nations story. We look forward to the renewal that time together will bring as we engage with presentations which deepen our understanding of the Catholic school mission and its connection to social justice.

Re-enrolment intentions for 2025

Planning for the 2025 school year is well underway. We now seek your assistance in this process by indicating whether your young person will/will not be returning to Iona in 2025. Communication was sent out Tuesday 20 August requesting your intentions for the 2025 school year.

We require a response by no later than Friday the 11th of October 2024.

During this process, please review and update your young person's medical information, as needed for each young person you have currently enrolled at Iona. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Di Makings our College Registrar on 5229 0004 or email registrar@iona.vic.edu.au.

Sleep Connection Parent/Carer In-person Event



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THE SLEEP CONNECTION

Parent Workshop

Join Us for an Insightful Presentation by Renowned Sleep Expert Lisa Maltman. Discover the critical role quality sleep plays in your young person's overall health, learning and emotional wellbeing.

What to Expect:

Valuable Insights: Understand the science behind sleep and its impact on your young person's development.
Practical Strategies: Learn tips and techniques to improve your young person's sleep habits.
Interactive Discussion: Ask questions and discuss your concerns with an expert.

TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER

6 PM - 7 PM

Iona College Resource Centre
242 Horseshoe Bend Road, Charlemont
Parking in Staff Car Park

JOIN US- RSVP TODAY



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CLICK HERE TO RSVP



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Student Progress Meetings



This afternoon, you will receive an app notification via SIMONeverywhere announcing that bookings are now open for the first round of Student Progress Meetings on Thursday, 5th September. Bookings will open today at 4 pm and close on the 4th of September at 4 pm.

Bookings for the second round of Student Progress Meetings on Wednesday, 11th September will open on 6th September and close on the 10th of September at 4 pm.

Be sure to secure your appointment and mark these dates in your calendar.

Languages at Iona

It's been a big few weeks for Indonesian staff and students at Iona!

In the week leading up to Indonesian Independence Day (August 17th), students celebrated with activities and games traditionally seen in Indonesia during this time. Such activities included a 'Lomba Makan Kerupuk' (cracker eating contest), 'Tari Maumere' (Maumere Dance) led by our amazing language assistant Bu Neza, Penjor building (towers seen lining Balinese streets) and a cultural quiz. A big 'terima kasih' to all students and staff who got involved in celebrating the culture of Indonesia!



As part of these celebrations in the wider Geelong Indonesian community, a festival was held by a local dance group at the Waurm Ponds Community Hall. Many Iona College students and staff participated in this event by dressing in traditional ethnic Indonesian clothes and walking in a fashion show, playing traditional games or even singing (in Indonesian!) live in front of a gathered audience of hundreds of people. What a fantastic opportunity for our students to use their Indonesian language skills in an authentic context and meet Indonesian people living in Geelong.



Finally, Year 9 Indonesian students had the opportunity to study the predominant religion of Indonesia, Islam, with an excursion to the Islamic Museum of Australia. They were captivated by a presentation detailing the history of Islam and its connection to historically significant events and items, as well as local Australian connections such as trade and social interaction between ancient Islamic traders and First Nations peoples. They then enjoyed a tasty lunch of 'Nasi Kuning' (Yellow Rice) and 'Ayam Goreng' (Fried Chicken) at an Indonesian restaurant.



Girls in Physics/Science Excursion



A select number of Year 10 and 11 girls with an interest in Science and Physics attended a breakfast last Thursday at the Waurn Ponds Estate, at Deakin University Campus. The event, which had students attend from schools across Geelong, including Geelong Grammar School and Kardinia International College, was hosted by one of our own physics teachers, Ms Kiran Jagpal.

Iona students had the opportunity to meet and converse with other students with similar interests, as well as professional women who are currently working in or researching a STEM subject. There were guest speakers from Deakin University including Professor Bre-Anne Sainsbury and Professor Wendy Timms. Professor Bre-Anne's talk was titled "The Gentle Art of Breaking Stuff" and was about the physics of rock failure and how it is applied to design safe tunnels and mines. Professor Wendy Timms' talk was titled "Locking Carbon in the Ground: How, When, Where" and was about the processes of locking carbon dioxide in the ground and how this would lead to a sustainable and carbon-neutral planet. Both presenters were engaging and inspirational to our students. The students came away highly motivated and inspired as well as having full stomachs from the delicious food.



The Iona Pathways Press

The August 23rd edition of the Iona Pathways Press can be found [here](#).
In this edition you will find information about:

- **Dates to Diarise in Term 3**
- **Exciting new Work Experience opportunities**
- **Careers website links**
- **Victoria Police School Leavers Information Session**
- **Graduate Entry to Pharmacy at Monash University**
- **Bachelor of Health and Medical Science at Charles Sturt University**
- **The Federation University Co-operative Model**
- **Studying Sonography at the Melbourne Campus of Central Queensland University**
- **Fine Arts and Music Degrees in 2025 at the University of Melbourne - Essential Requirements**
- **Snapshot of the University of New South Wales (UNSW) in 2024**



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To contact the Pathways team please email pathways@iona.vic.edu.au

Loaning items from Resource Centre / ICT Services

A reminder to families if your young person loans out a device/item from the Resource Centre / ICT Services and fails to return the item due to loss or theft, the full amount of the item will be charged to the family fee account.

It is the responsibility of the student to ensure the item is returned in a timely manner or before the due date. The item must not be returned in a damaged state. Students are not to loan items under their name to another student.

If you have any further queries, please email the ICT & Resource Manager, Michael Hughes Michael.Hughes@iona.vic.edu.au.

Boundary Road Gate – Roadworks Closure

Due to the closure of the intersection at Horseshoe Bend and Boundary Road, please allow extra travel time when driving your young person to Iona College.

Key Points to Note:

- **Boundary Road Entrance Security:** For security reasons the Boundary Road entrance gate will continue to be locked shortly after the school day begins and remains locked until the end of the school day. Therefore, between 9am-3pm, you must continue to drive around to the Main Entrance of the College on Horseshoe Bend Road.
- **Late Arrivals / Early Departures:** The process for late student drop-off /early student pick-up remains **unchanged**. Please continue to enter the College via the Main Entrance on Horseshoe Bend Rd, so that you can park in the designated Visitor Carpark and your young person can sign in / sign out at Main Reception.

Art Department News

Our Year 9 students have been enjoying the creative process of designing their own tote bags. They've had a fantastic time brainstorming ideas and bringing them to life with fabric paints. Soon, they'll be putting the finishing touches on their bags by constructing them themselves.







Reminder Upcoming Staff Professional Development Student Free Day



REMINDER

**UPCOMING STAFF
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
& STUDENT FREE DAY**

A reminder that Friday, 30th August, is a Staff Professional Development Day, and therefore, a student-free day. Please note that the Iona Admin office will be closed as all staff will be engaged in professional learning activities.

Term 3 Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 15 July	Staff Professional Learning Student Free Day
Tuesday 16 July	Term 3 Commences for Students
Thursday 25 July - Saturday 27 July	Combined Schools Musical
Thursday 1 August	Winter Soiree
Tuesday 6 August	Year 10 Immunisations
Friday 30 August	Staff Professional Development Student Free Day
Thursday 5 September	Student Progress Meetings
Tuesday 10 September	Parent/Carer Sleep Connection Workshop
Wednesday 11 September	Student Progress Meetings
Thursday 12 September	Combined Schools Choral Concert (Saint Ignatius College)
Friday 20 September	Columba Day
Friday 20 September	Term 3 Concludes - 2:05 pm
Tuesday 24 September	VCE Unit 4 Practice Exams
Monday 7 October	Staff Professional Learning Student Free Day
Tuesday 8 October	Term 4 Commences for Students

If you would like to download a printable version of the schedule above, [please access it here](#). This link will be updated each week in the newsletter as new events are added to the calendar.

Thanks for your support.

Damian, Kylie and Melissa