

**7 November 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The First World War was, in its time, the most destructive conflict ever experienced by humanity. When it began in August 1914, few imagined the course that it would take or foresaw its terrible toll. From a population of just under 5 million, more than 400,000 Australians enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force – the force that Australia sent to the war – and more than 330,000 served overseas. For most, this meant Gallipoli, the Middle East, and the Western Front in France and Belgium. More than 60,000 Australians lost their lives, a devastating toll for a small country. Around the world, some 10 million military personnel lost their lives. Families and communities everywhere were affected by the enormous loss.

When an armistice ended the fighting on 11th November 1918, celebrations in the victorious nations were tempered by grief and sorrow. In Britain and the countries of her empire, the anniversary became known as Armistice Day. In 1919 and every year since, at 11 am on 11 November, people have paused to remember the dead. So great had been the loss of life, so devastating had been the destruction, that people hoped, even imagined, that the Great War would be 'the war to end war'. But it was not to be. Two decades after the First World War ended, the world was plunged into a second global conflict and conflict continues to devastate our world today. No longer is Armistice Day only to remember the dead of the First World War.

After the Second World War ended in 1945, the 11th of November became known as Remembrance Day. On Monday, Remembrance Day, our Iona community will pause to remember those who have died or suffered in war and armed conflict.



**REMEMBRANCE DAY**  
*Let Us Forget*

*A prayer for peace*

*Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving, those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in times of war.*

*We pray that their offering of their lives may not have been in vain.  
May your grace enable us this day to dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and give us the wisdom and strength to build a better world.*

*Amen*

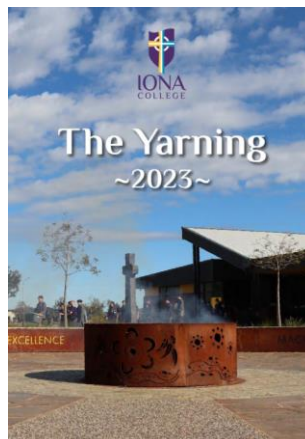
Should you like to attend the Waurm Ponds Remembrance Sunday Service please find the details below:



### The 2023 College Magazine 'The Yarning' is Out

We're delighted to present the [2023 edition of \*The Yarning\*](#), our College Magazine! This annual publication beautifully captures the highlights and achievements of our school community throughout the year. Thank you to staff members Seonna Primus and Brigitte Read for their work in ensuring that another fine publication was produced.

2023 College Magazine



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## Year 10 Geographers (Bugs and Biomes)



Last Thursday, Year 10 Geographers (Bugs and Biomes) who are currently investigating Sustainable Food, visited the Queen Victoria Market. They used geospatial technologies to collect data about food, participated in a Sustainable Food Tour and learned about concepts such as food miles, organic food and 'nose to tail'. In addition, students discovered how to choose fresh seafood and enjoyed many flavours of the market including a delicious gelati.

Paula Henning  
*Teacher*

## Iona Pathways Press

The November 8th edition of the Iona Pathways Press can be found [here](#).  
In this edition you will find information about:

- **Casual Employment opportunities – Baker's Delight**
- **Studying Rehabilitation Counselling at La Trobe University**
- **News from the Australian National University**
  - **Important Notice: Year 12 Applications for 2025 and Beyond**
  - **Tuckwell Scholarship for 2026**
- **Bachelor of Learning Design & Technology at Monash University**
- **Interesting Major in Bachelor of Business at Deakin University**
- **Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) at Swinburne University**
- **Pathway Program to Federation University**
- **Electronic and Computer Systems Engineering at RMIT University**
- **Snapshot of Holmesglen Institute in 2024**



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Ensemble Showcase Performance



The Music Department is excited to perform our very first major concert in the new Stadium venue, and we'd love for you to join us! Enjoy performances by our talented school ensembles, including contemporary bands, Concert Band, Choir and String Ensemble. The evening will conclude with a special surprise performance!

**Date:** 21 November  
**Time:** 6:00 PM

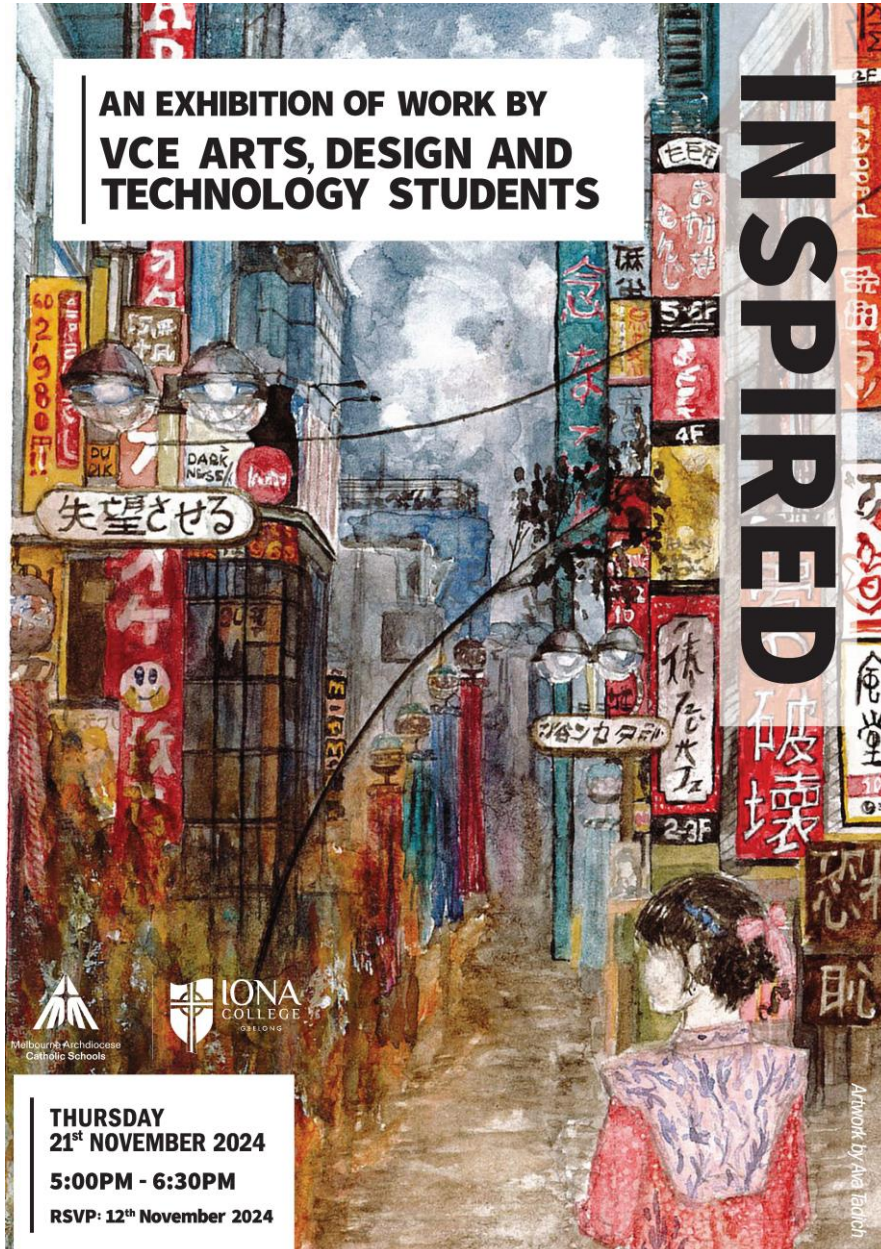
Tickets are available through TryBooking: [Book](#) here.

Art Department News



Our Year 9 i-create art classes have been studying artworks created by Kaylene Whiskey, a contemporary Aboriginal Australian artist. Her works are fun, colourful and full of imagery which reflects what is important to her. Our students were to create their own cardboard cut-out figure reflecting symbolism, imagery and decorative components which reflected themselves. Here are some of the completed characters.

“Inspired” Exhibition



**AN EXHIBITION OF WORK BY  
VCE ARTS, DESIGN AND  
TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS**

**INSPIRED**

Artwork by Ana Tachibana

Melbourne Archdiocese  
Catholic Schools

IONA  
COLLEGE  
GEE LONG

**THURSDAY  
21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**  
**5:00PM - 6:30PM**  
**RSVP: 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

We are thrilled to display our VCE Arts, Design and Technology Student works at our “Inspired” Exhibition which will be held on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November between 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm**. We invite all parents, carers and friends along to view the array of exceptional works and enjoy light refreshments.

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Please **RSVP** by 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 [via the following link](#).

### Professional Film Crew on Site Next Week

We would like to inform our parents and carers that a professional film crew will be on-site next week (Monday – Wednesday) to capture footage for an Iona College promotional video. This project highlights our school community, learning spaces, and student life for our Open Day. We also extend our thanks to the students who have volunteered to be part of the filming.

Please feel free to contact reception if you have any concerns.

### Term 4 Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 7 October	Staff Professional Learning Student Free Day
Tuesday 8 October	Term 4 Commences for Students
Tuesday 8 October	Whole College Assembly - Formal Uniform Not Required
Tuesday 15 October	Year 7 2025 Online Parent Information Night
Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November	Year 7 - 10 PAT Testing
Monday 4 November	Mid Term Break
Tuesday 5 November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Tuesday 19 November - Monday 25 November	Year 11 Exams
Tuesday 26 November	Student Free Day
Wednesday 27 November	Year 11 Ignite Parent Evening
Wednesday 27 November	Year 7 & 8 Passion Project Expo (Columba Centre)
Thursday 28 November - Wednesday 4 December	VCE/VCE VM Ignite Program
Thursday 28 November	Awards Celebration Evening (Stadium)
Thursday 5 December	Last Day of Term 4 (3:05 pm)
Thursday 30 January	Year 7, Year 12 and New Iona Students (Year 8 - 11) First Day of 2025
Friday 31 January	Year 8,9,10 & 11 First Day 2025

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.

This week, we welcome Miss Sophia Powers to our staff. Sophia has taken up a role at the College as Laboratory Technician.

We'd also like to wish our very first students sitting their VCAA exams over these weeks good luck! We are so proud of the incredible amount of work you have put in. Well done also to the staff members who have guided our students to the finish line in the subject studied.

Thanks for your support.

Damian, Kylie and Melissa