

12 February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week you are receiving our first Key Dates and Important Information update.

As communicated earlier, and based on feedback received in last year's survey, we are trialling a revised newsletter format this term. A full newsletter will now be shared every second week on Thursday afternoon, with shorter updates provided in the alternate weeks.

Our next full newsletter will be distributed next week.

[Year 7 Parent/Carer Welcome Evening](#)



A reminder to our Year 7 parents and carers about the upcoming **Year 7 Parent/Carer Welcome Evening**. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet key staff at Iona and connect with your young person's Community Group Teacher.

Date: Tuesday 17 February
Time: 6.00 – 7.00 pm
Venue: Iona College Stadium

Please note that this event is for parents and carers only, and students are not required to attend.

[School Photos 2026](#)

Year 12 Cohort Photo and Sibling Photos will be taken on Friday, 27 February 2026. If you would like your children to be photographed together, please follow these simple steps.

1. Grab your phone and go to <https://arphotos.typeform.com/to/dKNPbIDB>
2. Enter the name and community group of the eldest sibling
3. Enter the names and community group/s of all other siblings to be included in the photo

Mark the date in your calendar or save it on your phone so you can get organised before the event.

Year 7 Applications & Tour and Information Sessions – Reminder



A reminder of the upcoming dates for our Tour and Information Sessions:

- Monday 16 March – 4.15 pm to 5.45 pm
- Tuesday 17 March – 11.00 am to 12.30 pm
- Wednesday 18 March – 9.00 am to 10.30 am
- Wednesday 18 March – 4.15 pm to 5.45 pm
- Thursday 19 March – 9.00 am to 10.30 am

Bookings for these sessions can be [made online via the following link](#).

BOOK A TOUR & INFO SESSION



A New Phase in the Performing Arts at Iona College

As many of you are aware, 2026 marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for Performing Arts at Iona College. From this year forward, Iona College will embark on its own independent Performing Arts journey, with the College no longer participating in the Combined Catholic Schools Musical.

We are thrilled to begin this new phase with our very first Iona College School Play. A great deal of work is already happening behind the scenes, and while we are eager to share more, the selected play cannot be announced until performance rights have been officially secured.

The Iona College School Play will be performed at Platform Arts in Geelong, with auditions held in Term 1 and rehearsals commencing in Term 2.

Further details will be announced shortly, but students interested in auditioning are encouraged to save the following dates:

- Wednesday 4th March 3:15-5:30 pm
- Thursday 5th March 3:15-5:30 pm

Iona College is deeply committed to providing vibrant, inclusive and high-quality opportunities in the Performing Arts. Following our School Play in 2026, we will present our first **Iona College Musical in 2027**, with an ongoing alternation between plays and musicals in subsequent years. There will be many opportunities for involvement, not only for those wishing to perform on stage, but also for students interested in technical, creative and backstage roles.

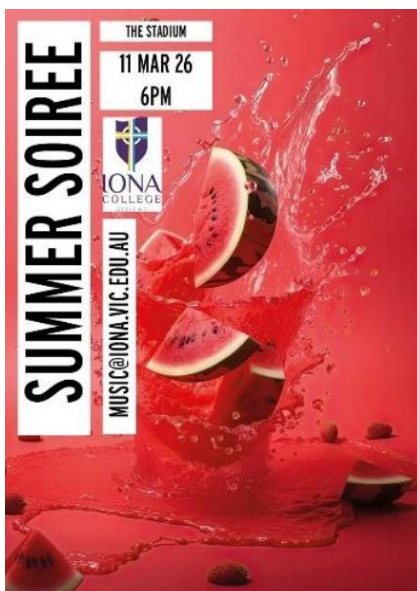
Please watch this space for further information and upcoming announcements, including confirmed audition dates.

Jodie Townsend
Head of Performing Arts

Upcoming Summer Soiree

A reminder that our first concert of the year is our Summer Soiree on 11th March. A sign-up sheet will be placed outside the Music Rooms on Monday, 2nd Feb. Students should only sign themselves up if they know they will have a piece of music ready to perform.

Parents can book tickets to the soiree (free) [via the following link](#).



Iona Pathways Press



This week's edition of the Careers and Pathways team's Pathways press is [available via the following link](#).

Term 1 Formal Uniform Days



A reminder that this Thursday, 19 February, is formal uniform for all students due to a whole school assembly where we will celebrate the 2025 VCE & VOC Major High Achievers Awards and conduct the 2026 Leaders Induction.

Please note the following upcoming formal uniform dates. These do **not** apply to all students, so we ask families to carefully note the year levels and requirements for each day:

- **Thursday 19 February** – Whole School Assembly: 2025 VCE & VOC Major High Achievers Awards and 2026 Leaders Induction (formal uniform required for all students)
- **Friday 27 February** – Year 12 Photo (**Year 12 students only**)
- **Friday 27 February** – School photo catch-up day and sibling photos (formal uniform required for students being photographed only)

Thank you for your support in ensuring students are in the correct uniform on the relevant dates.

Canteen Special for Shrove Tuesday



PANCAKE
DAY
\$5 TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY



2 FLUFFY PANCAKES
WITH BUTTER & MAPLE SYRUP

ORDER ONLINE AT
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GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE
PICK-UP AT RECESS

GET IN QUICK!!

Please note that the weekly canteen specials will recommence from **Friday, 20 February**.

Term 1 2026 Dates to Remember

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.

Date	Event
Thursday 18 December - Tuesday 20 January	Iona College Admin Office Closed for Christmas Break
Wednesday 21 January	Iona College Admin Office Opens
Thursday 29 January	Term 1 Commences for Year 7, Year 12 and All New Students to the College (Formal Uniform for Year 7s and all New Students to Iona)
Friday 30 January	Years 8-11 Commence
Tuesday 10 February	School Photo Day (Formal Uniform)
Tuesday 10 February	Yr 11 & 12 VCE Parent Information Evening (6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Iona College Stadium)
Wednesday 11 February	Whole School Mass (Formal Uniform)
Tuesday 17 February	Year 7 Parent/Carer Welcome Evening (6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Iona College Stadium)
Thursday 19 February	Whole School Assembly - 2025 VCE & VOC Major High Achievers Awards and 2026 Leaders Induction (Formal Uniform)
Wednesday 25 February	Year 7 Maths Parent/Carer Information Night (6:00 pm - 7:00 pm)
Friday 27 February	Year 12 Group Photo (Formal Uniform for Year 12s)
Friday 27 February	School Photo Catch-Up Day and Sibling Photography Formal uniform required for all students being photographed.
Monday 2 March	Swimming Carnival
Monday 9 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 10 March	Units 3 and 4 Student Progress Meeting (On-site)
Wednesday 11 March	Teen Mental Health Matters Webinar with Dr Sarah Barker (Online)
Wednesday 11 March	Summer Soiree (6:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Iona College Stadium)
Monday 16 March	Open Day - Tour and Information Session (4:15 - 5:45)
Tuesday 17 March	Open Day - Tour and Information Session (11:00 - 12:30)
Wednesday 18 March	Open Day - Tour and Information Session (9:00 - 10:30)
Wednesday 18 March	Open Day - Tour and Information Session (4:15 - 5:45)
Thursday 19 March	Open Day - Tour and Information Session (9:00 - 10:30)
Thursday 19 March	Student Progress Meetings (Onsite)
Friday 20 March	Staff Professional Development Student Free Day
Tuesday 24 March	Student Progress Meeting (Online)
Thursday 2 April	Term 1 Concludes (2:05 pm)
Monday 20 April	Staff Professional Development Student Free Day
Monday 20 April	Practice GAT (all VCE and VCE VM unit 3/4 students or similar)
Tuesday 21 April	Term 2 Commences

Thanks for your support.

Damian, Kylie and Melissa