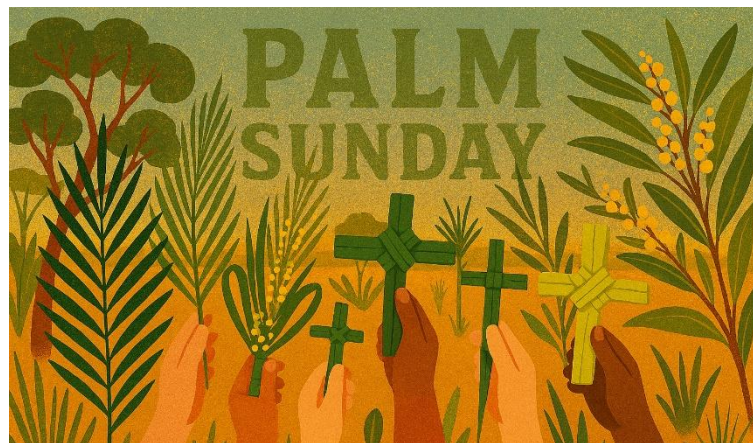


26 March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday marks the end of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week, the most important week on the Catholic Church calendar. Sunday 29th March is Palm Sunday which celebrates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem when crowds welcomed him waving palm branches and proclaiming him a Saviour. This day is a symbol of reverence and hope before Jesus' death and resurrection at Easter.

Our local churches and parishes will be holding Palm Sunday celebrations at various times this Sunday, and palms will be given out at the masses. Make some time to attend mass, receive a palm, celebrate the end of Lent and enter into Holy Week this Sunday 29th March.



Easter Fundraising Reminder – Under a Week to Go



Only a week to go! Our annual Easter Egg Raffle is closing soon. This fundraiser supports the feeding program at St Mary's Primary School in Uganda, helping provide students with meals and education.

Families can donate Easter eggs and students have received raffle tickets to sell. All funds go directly to the feeding program, and winners will receive Easter hampers made from the donated eggs. Donations and sold tickets can be dropped at Main Reception by Tuesday, 31 March 2026. A big thank you to those families who have already donated.

Support the program directly via the [St Mary's Feeding Program link](#).

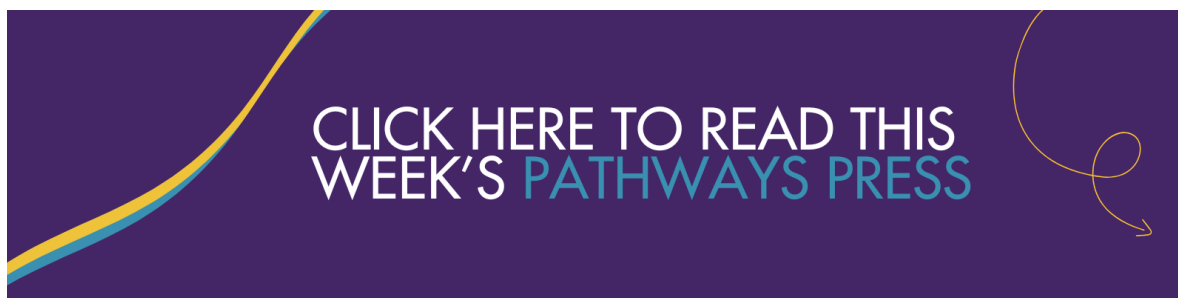
Year 7, 2027 Applications



A reminder that families with a sibling currently attending Iona College must submit an enrolment application for Year 7 2027 to be considered for placement. Applications close **Friday, 8 May 2026**.

If you have already applied, no further action is required. Applications can be made online via the following link. Applications can be made [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



Please note the following upcoming formal uniform date:

- **Thursday 2 April** – Whole School Assembly

Practice GAT

A reminder that the Practice GAT will take place on Monday, 20 April. All students enrolled in a VCE or VCE VM Unit 3/4 study are expected to attend, with VCE VM students completing Part A only.

Important information:

Arrival: Students must arrive by 8.40 am for a 9.00 am start. With over 200 students involved, it is essential all students are seated and ready before the start time.

Session times:

- **Part A:** 9.00 am – 11.15 am
- **Part B:** 12.00 pm – 1.45 pm

Transport: School buses will not be running, so students will need to make alternative arrangements. Further details were shared with families earlier this week.

2026 School Photos Available

Arthur Reed school photo flyers were distributed on Tuesday to your young person. School photos are now available online for you to purchase. If your young person misplaces this flyer please contact Arthur Reed Photos customer service team directly on 5243 4390 (option 1) or customerservice@arphotos.com.au. All photo packages will be sent directly to your nominated address, so please ensure that you enter the correct details and nominated shipping address upon checkout.

If you require any assistance ordering your photos, please contact Arthur Reed Photos directly on 5243 4390 (option 1) or email customerservice@arphotos.com.au

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Iona College Registrar

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. |
| Friday 6 March | Swimming Carnival |
| Monday 9 March | Labour Day Public Holiday |
| Tuesday 10 March | Units 3 Student Progress Meeting (Glowrey Centre of Excellence, On-site) |
| Tuesday 10 March | Year 12 Parent/Carer Engagement Forum (Francis Centre, 5.45 pm - 6.45 pm) |
| 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 | End of Term Assembly (Formal Uniform) |
| 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 |

Term 2 Dates to Remember

| Date | Event |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Monday 13 April - Sunday 19 April | Admin Office Closed for Holidays |
| Monday 20 April | Practice GAT (Year 12s and Year 11s VCE 3/4 Students) |
| Monday 20 April | Student Free Day (Staff Professional Development) |
| Tuesday 21 April | Term 2 Starts |
| Wednesday 22 April | Iona College Cross Country |
| Thursday 23 April - Friday 24 April | Year 12 Retreat |
| Friday 24 April | Year 7 Embrace Day |
| Tuesday 28 April | Iona Athletics Carnival |
| Thursday 30 April | Flying Brick Cider House Music Performance |
| Monday 18 May | Blurred Minds Parent/Carer Evening (Francis Centre, 6 pm - 7pm) |
| Tuesday 19 May | Student Free Day (Staff Professional Development) |
| Thursday 21 May | Iona College Career Expo (Iona Stadium) |
| Monday 1 June - Wednesday 3 June | Year 7 Camp Group 1 |
| Wednesday 3 June | Units 1 and 3 – All OATS and SACS |
| Thursday 4 June | Autumn Soiree |
| Monday 8 June | King's Birthday Public Holiday |
| Tuesday 9 June | Daniel Principe Parent Carer Evening (Francis Centre, 6 pm - 7 pm) |
| Thursday 11 June | Year 10 Immunisation |
| Monday 15 June - Wednesday 17 June | Year 7 Camp Group 2 |
| Tuesday 16 June | Student Free Day (Staff Professional Development) except for GAT Students |
| Tuesday 16 June | GAT (Year 12s and Year 11s VCE 3/4 Students) |
| Wednesday 17 June - Friday 19 June | Year 8 Camp Group 1 |
| Saturday 20 June - Wednesday 1 July | Indonesian Study Trip |
| Monday 22 June - Tuesday 30 June | Central Australia Immersion |
| Wednesday 24 June | Year 8 Camp Group 2 |
| Thursday 25 June | Year 12 Clogs Winter Ball |
| Friday 26 June | Term 2 Concludes (2:05 pm) |
| Monday 6 July - Friday 10 July | Admin Office Closed for Holidays |
| Monday 13 July | Student Free Day (Staff Professional Development) |
| Tuesday 14 July | Term 3 Starts |

Taize Prayer - Santa Casa Retreat Centre Queenscliff - Sisters of Mercy

All are welcome to join an Easter-themed Taizé-style prayer on Saturday, 11th April, at Santa Casa Queenscliff, from 2.30 - 3-30pm, followed by afternoon tea. Please arrive a little before time and RSVP Lizzie on 03 5258 2661 or via santacasa@ismapng.org.au for seating & catering purposes.

A reminder that Thursday, 2 April, is a formal uniform day for the end-of-term Whole School Assembly.

Thanks for your support.

Damian, Kylie and Melissa