

General Transport Information

Through McHarry's Buslines, Iona College currently operates 22 (private) buses for exclusive use by Iona College students. These buses either run direct to/from Iona College from coastal areas (eg. Ocean Grove, Barwon Heads, Jan Juc and Torquay) and most inner-Geelong suburbs, or, pick-up/drop-off outer-lying students at designated bus interchange points within Geelong or the Geelong Railway Station.

To find out what will likely apply to your young ones, please refer to the below list of locations.

How Do Parents/Carers Apply For A Position On An Iona College Bus For Their Young One(s)?

Parents/Carers must nominate 'Bus' as a mode of transport for their young one(s) within the Enrolment Application form.

How Are Bus Routes Determined?

Bus routes are developed by McHarry's Buslines from the mapping of student residential addresses for any student whose parents/carers have accepted an offer of enrolment at Iona College and whose parents/carers nominated 'Bus' as a mode of transport for their young one(s) within the Enrolment Application form.

Route mapping is a very complex task and it is important to note that Iona College bus routes can be very different to public bus routes as stop points are normally designed around servicing groups of students – i.e. stop points are not designed to suit each student individually.

NB: Routes and stop points are dynamic. Parents/carers and students themselves should expect that routes and bus allocations may change from year-to-year as student addresses change (i.e. through students exiting and entering Iona College). Copies of our existing bus routes will therefore not be made available to parents/carers over the Open Day and enrolment application period.

When Are Bus Routes And Student Allocations Announced?

Parents/Carers will be notified of their young one's bus route allocation(s) by email (usually) by the end of the first week of December.

What Does Iona College Charge For Their Buses?

The Iona College (privately chartered) Bus Service is a fixed cost amount regardless of where a student resides and how often the service is used. Iona College operates a two-tiered bus fee structure in recognition of the higher cost (and longer distances) associated with students travelling on seat-belted buses to the Bellarine and Surf Coast areas (Tier 1 buses). All other buses are regarded as Tier 2 buses. Scheduled bus fees for 2025 are as follows and would be expected to increase each year:

Tier 1 -	\$690 per student
Tier 2 -	\$591 per student



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Suburb / Town	Relevant Information Comment
Aireys Inlet	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus in the AM at Clairvaux PS (Belmont) and in the PM at Kidman Ave, Belmont. NB: A direct bus service from Aireys Inlet / Angelsea to Iona College (and back) was assessed in 2024 but deemed unaffordable for parents/carers and will not be considered in the future.
Anakie	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus at the back of Clonard College in Minerva Rd (Manifold Heights).
Anglesea	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus in the AM at Clairvaux PS (Belmont) and in the PM at Kidman Ave, Belmont. NB: A direct bus service from Aireys Inlet / Angelsea to Iona College (and back) was assessed in 2024 but deemed unaffordable for parents/carers and will not be considered in the future.
Armstrong Creek	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Bambra	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus in the AM at Clairvaux PS (Belmont) and in the PM at Kidman Ave, Belmont. NB: A direct bus service from Aireys Inlet / Angelsea to Iona College (and back) was assessed in 2024 but deemed unaffordable for parents/carers and will not be considered in the future.
Bannockburn	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus at the back of Clonard College in Minerva Rd (Manifold Heights).
Barrabool	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus in the AM at Clairvaux PS (Belmont) and in the PM at Kidman Ave, Belmont.
Barwon Heads	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Batesford	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus at the back of Clonard College in Minerva Rd (Manifold Heights).

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Bell Park	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Bell Post Hill	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Bellbrae	Families living outside of the Grossmans Ridge Estate will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus in the AM at Clairvaux PS (Belmont) and in the PM at Kidman Ave, Belmont.
Belmont	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Breakwater	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Buckley	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus in the AM at Clairvaux PS (Belmont) and in the PM at Kidman Ave, Belmont.
Charlemont	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Clifton Springs	Families will need to purchase a Myki pass for their young one(s) to travel by public bus to/from central Geelong where they will then interchange onto an Iona College bus to/from school.
Connewarre	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Corio	Families will need to purchase a Myki pass for their young one(s) to most likely travel by train to/from central Geelong where they will then interchange onto an Iona College bus to/from school.
Curlewis	Families will need to purchase a Myki pass for their young one(s) to travel by public bus to/from central Geelong where they will then interchange onto an Iona College bus to/from school.
Drumcondra	Either need to take the train from North Geelong Train Station to Geelong Train Station to then interchange onto an Iona College bus, or, may be able to walk to Church St (Geelong West) and take direct bus service to/from Iona College.
Drysdale	Families will need to purchase a Myki pass for their young one(s) to travel by public bus to/from central Geelong where they will then interchange onto an Iona College bus to/from school.
East Geelong	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Fairhaven	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus in the AM at Clairvaux PS (Belmont) and in the PM at Kidman Ave, Belmont. NB: A direct bus service from Aireys Inlet / Angelsea to Iona College (and back) was assessed in 2024 but deemed unaffordable for parents/carers and will not be considered in the future.

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Freshwater Creek	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus in the AM at Clairvaux PS (Belmont) and in the PM at Kidman Ave, Belmont.
Fyansford	Direct bus service to/from Iona College'
Geelong	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Geelong West	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Gherang	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus in the AM at Clairvaux PS (Belmont) and in the PM at Kidman Ave, Belmont.
Gnarwarre	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus in the AM at Clairvaux PS (Belmont) and in the PM at Kidman Ave, Belmont.
Grovedale	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Hamlyn Heights	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Herne Hill	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Highton	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Inverleigh	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus at the back of Clonard College in Minerva Rd (Manifold Heights).
Jan Juc	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Lara	Families will need to purchase a Myki pass for their young one(s) to travel by train to/from central Geelong where they will then interchange onto an Iona College bus to/from school. NB: A direct bus service from Lara to Iona College (and back) was assessed in 2023 but deemed unaffordable for parents/carers and will not be considered in the future.
Leopold	Families will need to purchase a Myki pass for their young one(s) to travel by public bus to/from central Geelong where they will then interchange onto an Iona College bus to/from school.

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Lethbridge	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus at the back of Clonard College in Minerva Rd (Manifold Heights).
Little River	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus at the back of Clonard College in Minerva Rd (Manifold Heights).
Lorne	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus in the AM at Clairvaux PS (Belmont) and in the PM at Kidman Ave, Belmont. NB: A direct bus service from Aireys Inlet / Angelsea to Iona College (and back) was assessed in 2024 but deemed unaffordable for parents/carers and will not be considered in the future.
Lovely Banks	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus at the back of Clonard College in Minerva Rd (Manifold Heights).
Manifold Heights	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Marshall	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Meredith	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus at the back of Clonard College in Minerva Rd (Manifold Heights).
Modewarre	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus in the AM at Clairvaux PS (Belmont) and in the PM at Kidman Ave, Belmont.
Moolap	Families will need to purchase a Myki pass for their young one(s) to travel by public bus to/from central Geelong where they will then interchange onto an Iona College bus to/from school.
Moriac	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus in the AM at Clairvaux PS (Belmont) and in the PM at Kidman Ave, Belmont.

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Mount Moriac	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus in the AM at Clairvaux PS (Belmont) and in the PM at Kidman Ave, Belmont.
Mt Duneed	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Newcomb	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Newtown	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Norlane	Families will need to purchase a Myki pass for their young one(s) to most likely travel by train to/from central Geelong where they will then interchange onto an Iona College bus to/from school.
North Geelong	Families will need to purchase a Myki pass for their young one(s) to most likely travel by train to/from central Geelong where they will then interchange onto an Iona College bus to/from school. Students may be able to access a direct bus service to/from Iona College from some parts of North Geelong.
Ocean Grove	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Ombersley	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus in the AM at Clairvaux PS (Belmont) and in the PM at Kidman Ave, Belmont.
Paraparap	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus in the AM at Clairvaux PS (Belmont) and in the PM at Kidman Ave, Belmont.
Point Lonsdale	Families will need to purchase a Myki pass for their young one(s) to travel by public bus to/from Ocean Grove where they will then interchange onto an Iona College bus to/from school.
Portarlinton	Families will need to purchase a Myki pass for their young one(s) to travel by public bus to/from central Geelong where they will then interchange onto an Iona College bus to/from school.
Queenscliff	Families will need to purchase a Myki pass for their young one(s) to travel by public bus to/from Ocean Grove where they will then interchange onto an Iona College bus to/from school.
Rippleside	Either need to take the train from North Geelong Train Station to Geelong Train Station to then interchange onto an Iona College bus, or, may be able to walk to Church St (Geelong West) and take direct bus service to/from Iona College.
South Geelong	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
St Albans Park	Direct bus service to/from Iona College

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St Leonards	Families will need to purchase a Myki pass for their young one(s) to travel by public bus to/from central Geelong where they will then interchange onto an Iona College bus to/from school.
Teesdale	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus at the back of Clonard College in Minerva Rd (Manifold Heights).
Thomson	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Torquay	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Wallington	Families will need to purchase a Myki pass for their young one(s) to travel by public bus to/from central Geelong where they will then interchange onto an Iona College bus to/from school. Families close to the Ocean Grove end of Wallington may be able to drive their young one(s) to Ocean Grove to connect with a direct bus to/from Iona College.
Wandana Heights	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Waurin Ponds	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Wensleydale	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus in the AM at Clairvaux PS (Belmont) and in the PM at Kidman Ave, Belmont.
Whittington	Direct bus service to/from Iona College
Winchelsea	Families will need to apply for permission to travel on the (State Gov't) regional / country bus service - Application Form to be sent out to parents/carers in late August. Interchanges with an Iona College bus in the AM at Clairvaux PS (Belmont) and in the PM at Kidman Ave, Belmont.

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