

30 April 2026

Welcome to this week's Key Dates and Important Information update, where we share important reminders and upcoming dates for our Iona community. Our next full newsletter will be distributed next week.

We warmly welcome the following staff members who have joined us this term. We hope you feel a strong sense of belonging within our Iona community:

- Jane Tabak (Teaching)
- Damian Stead (Teaching)
- Matthew Johns (LSO)
- Eliza Ahearn (LSO)

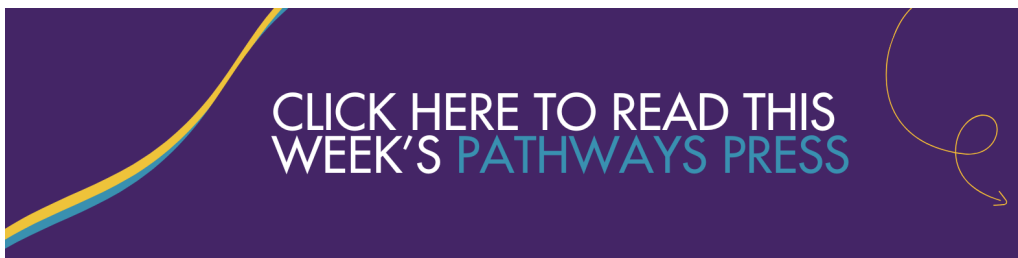
[Year 7, 2027 Applications – Due Next Week Friday, 8 May 2026](#)



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 next week **Friday, 8 May 2026**. Submissions received after this date will be automatically placed on our waitlist.

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](#).

2026 Iona Careers and Pathways Expo

Our Careers and Pathways Expo will be held on Thursday, 21 May 2026, offering students and families the opportunity to explore a wide range of post-school options in one place. We encourage families, particularly those in Years 10–12, to attend and take advantage of the conversations and insights available throughout the evening.

Please [register via the online form](#) by Friday, 14 May:



Event Details

Date: Thursday, 21 May 2026

Time: 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Location: Iona College Stadium

Across the evening, attendees will have the chance to:

- Speak directly with over 40 exhibitors, including universities, TAFEs and training providers
- Learn more about a variety of industries and career pathways
- Explore subject areas offered at Iona College and how they connect to future opportunities

An information session on *What is VCE/VM/VET?* will run at three points throughout the evening:

5.15 pm, 6.15 pm and 7.15 pm.

These sessions are primarily aimed at Year 10 students, however, Year 9 students are also welcome to attend.

Representatives will include organisations such as Deakin, ACU, The Gordon, Torrens University, Marcus Oldham College, La Trobe, the Australian Defence Force, Victoria Police, genU, WestVic and Collarts, along with staff from across Iona's learning areas.

A BBQ will also be available on the night, raising funds for Timor-Leste. Sausages and drinks will be available for \$2.50 each, with all proceeds supporting this cause.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The Pathways Team



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Catholic Schools



REGISTER NOW:

CAREERS & PATHWAYS EXPO



THURSDAY

21 MAY 2026

5:00PM - 8:00PM

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CHARLEMONT**

Choosing a senior pathway can feel overwhelming. This session will help students and families understand VET, VCE and VCE-VM, so you can make an informed and confident decision together.

RSVP: Thursday 14th May 2026

Please complete the form to register your interest and secure your spot



PATHWAYS >>>



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VCE Afterschool Study Sessions Reminder



Year 12 VCE AFTERSCHOOL STUDY SESSIONS

Your final year of VCE is a big one, and we want to support you every step of the way. Join us for weekly study sessions to stay on top of your learning, get expert help, and build confidence.

TERM SCHEDULE

WEEK 1	Thu 23 Apr	 NO SESSION Year 12 Retreat
WEEK 2	Thu 30 Apr	 ENGLISH focus
WEEK 3	Thu 7 May	 GENERAL MATHS + METHODS focus
WEEK 4	Thu 14 May	 ENGLISH focus
WEEK 5	Thu 21 May	 NO SESSION Careers Expo
WEEK 6	Thu 28 May	 GENERAL MATHS focus
WEEK 7	Thu 4 June	 ENGLISH focus
WEEK 8	Thu 11 June	 GENERAL MATHS focus
WEEK 9	Thu 18 June	 ENGLISH focus
WEEK 10	Thu 25 June	 GENERAL MATHS focus

THE DETAILS

 **WHERE**
Resource Centre,
Francis Centre

 **WHEN**
Thursdays,
3:15pm–4:45pm

 **WHO'S THERE**
Year 12 English or
Maths teachers
(alternating weeks)

 **ADDED BONUS**
Snacks and hot
chocolate making
facilities provided!

Come along to revise, ask questions, complete homework, or simply study in a calm, focused environment.

No sign-up needed—just drop in!

If you have any questions or would like more information, please email Mrs McLaren at kate.mclaren@iona.vic.edu.au

We look forward to supporting you, starting next Thursday!



Empowering Parents in Vaping Conversation Session



Families are invited to attend a parent/carer evening on Monday, 18 May, 6.00 – 7.00 pm at the Francis Centre, Iona College.

You are warmly invited to attend an upcoming parent/carer evening at Iona College, focused on supporting families in navigating conversations around vaping.

Date: Monday 18 May

Time: 6.00 – 7.00 pm

Location: Iona College – Francis Centre

Led by Dr James Durl from Blurred Minds, this session will provide practical insights and strategies, including:

- Understanding vaping culture and peer influences
- Marketing tactics targeting young people
- Health and environmental risks
- Strategies for conversations at home
- Tips for prevention and support

This is a valuable opportunity to build confidence in addressing this important issue with your young person.

[Please register via the following link before Friday, 15 May.](#)

We encourage all parents and carers to attend.

Healthy Masculinity Parent/Carer Evening

Families are invited to attend a free parent/carers evening with Daniel Principe, focusing on healthy masculinity and the influences shaping boys today. This session will provide practical strategies to support open communication and encourage respectful behaviours.

Date: Tuesday 9 June

Time: 6.30 – 7.30 pm

Venue: SJC Performing Arts Centre, Newtown

This event is open to both St Joseph's College and the Iona communities.

[Please register for the event via the following link.](#)



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WITH
DANIEL PRINCIPE
PARENT EVENING

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 ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
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FREE EVENT OPEN TO BOTH COMMUNITIES

TUESDAY 9 JUNE | 6.30PM - 7.30PM
SJC PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
135 Aphrasia Street, Newtown, Victoria 3220

OFFERING INSIGHTS INTO DIGITAL INFLUENCES
SHAPING BOY'S ATTITUDES AND PRACTICAL
STRATEGIES TO FOSTER OPEN COMMUNICATION
AND ENCOURAGE RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOURS

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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 - 7 pm)
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 (6.30 - 7.30 pm St Josephs College Performing Arts Centre, Newtown)
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

[A printable version of the Dates to Remember](#) is available online. Please note this is regularly updated as new events are added and changes are made.

Thanks for your support.

Damian, Kylie and Melissa