

17 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the conclusion of Term 3, our College community gathered to celebrate St Columba Day, honouring the patron and founding saint of Iona College. A highlight of the day was the celebration of Mass with Fr Joel Peart, who helped us reflect on the life and legacy of St Columba and the enduring call to live with faith, courage, learning and service. His message reminded us of the importance of building communities grounded in hope, compassion and a commitment to the Gospel.





Term 3 has also seen us focus on our College virtue of Leadership, inspired by the example of St Mary MacKillop. Through our leadership awards, we have celebrated students who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to serving others, acting with integrity, and making a positive contribution to our school community. It has been particularly pleasing to see the many different qualities of leadership on display throughout the term. From quiet acts of encouragement and service, to confident advocacy, teamwork and initiative, our students have shown that leadership takes many forms. Like St Mary MacKillop, they have reminded us that true leadership is the willingness to make a difference in the lives of others.

Congratulations to the following students who received the Leadership Awards, we are very proud of the way you emulate the values of Mary MacKillop:

Year 7: Harriet Stubbs and Alex Scott

Year 8: Sienna Shaw and Zeplin Van Den Ham

Year 9: Zoe Edwards and Ashley Rea

Year 10: Tilly Moreton and Cooper Stormonth

Year 11: Lara Newbegin and Carter Dingle

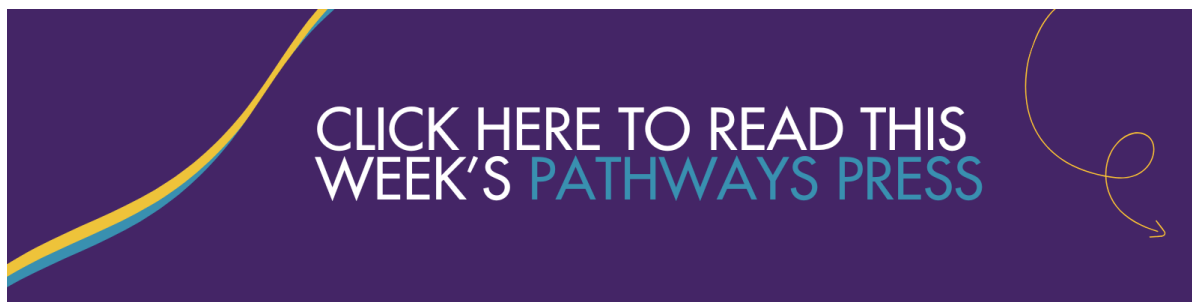
Year 12: Sabine Chappell and Hector Fleet

This week also provided another significant moment for our College as we joined with Fire Carriers from across the Geelong region in a coming together that celebrated the growth and impact of this important initiative. It was wonderful to witness students and staff from many schools united in their commitment to reconciliation, respect and justice. Seeing the increasing number of young people embracing the call to walk alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples gives us great hope for the future and highlights the vital role schools play in promoting understanding, equality and meaningful relationships. These occasions remind us of the strength of community and the importance of living our values in action. Whether celebrating our Catholic heritage through St Columba Day or supporting reconciliation through the Fire Carrier movement, our students continue to demonstrate leadership, respect and a genuine commitment to making a positive difference.

As the term comes to a close, we are thankful for our students, families and staff for their dedication, support and commitment throughout a busy and rewarding term. We wish all members of the Iona College community a safe, peaceful and restful holiday break. May this time provide opportunities for renewal, reflection and treasured moments with family and friends as we prepare for our final term of 2026.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 4 as we continue our journey together in faith, learning and service. Enjoy a wonderful holiday break!

[Iona Pathways Press](#)



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Iona Canteen

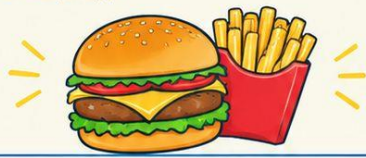
Exciting news: we'll be starting next term with a new Canteen menu. Please take a look at the menu below to view the offerings available. Please note that there have been minor price updates.



The IONA Diner

IONA College Canteen



HOT FOOD		COLD FOOD	
Egg and Bacon Roll/muffin	\$5.50	Assorted Salads	\$6.50 add protein — \$2.00
Brekky Wrap	\$7.50	Caesar, Poke bowl, Asian, Green Goddess	
Bacon, egg, hash brown, cheese & BBQ Sauce		WRAPS / ROLLS / SANDWICHES	
Hash Brown	\$1.50	Ham and Salad	\$7.00
CROISSANTS		Chicken Breast and salad	\$7.00
Ham and Cheese	\$5.00	Salad	\$6.00
Cheese and tomato	\$4.50	Falafel and Salad	\$7.00
TOASTIES (GF also available extra 50c)		FRESH FRUIT	
Ham and Cheese	\$4.00	Small cup	\$3.00
Cheese	\$3.50	Large cup	\$4.50
Ham, cheese and Tomato	\$4.50	Yogurt granola cups	\$4.50
Dim Sim	\$1.50	Chia pudding Cups	\$4.50
Sweet Chilli Chicken tender	\$2.00 (GF — \$2.50)		
Chicken nuggets Tempura oven baked (6)	\$5.00 (GF — \$6.00)		
Vegetable Dim Sim	\$2.00		
Hot Dog	\$5.50 with Cheese — \$6.00 add sauce		
Traveller Meat Pie	\$5.50		
Vegetable pastie	\$5.50		
Sausage Roll	\$4.50		
Hot Chips	\$5.00 add gravy — \$1.00		
Wedges	\$5.50 add sour cream and sweet Chilli — \$1.00		
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap	\$7.50		
with lettuce and sweet chilli mayo			
Angus Beef Burger 100g Pattie	\$6.50		
with Tasty Cheese and tomato sauce			
Angus Beef Burger 100g Pattie	\$6.50		
with Tasty Cheese and Burger Sauce			
Chicken burger with Lettuce and mayo	\$7.50		
Vegetable Burger with Lettuce and Aoli	\$7.50		
Karaage Chicken bowl	\$8.00		
with rice edamame beans a sauces			
HOUSE MADE PIZZA 17cm			
Margarita	\$6.00		
Pepperoni	\$7.00		
BBQ Chicken	\$7.50		
Ham and pineapple	\$7.00		
			
			
			

There will be daily specials and additions made all the time to keep things interesting. Suggestions welcome.
Order online or grab and go over the counter — remember your student card.

Eat · Drink · Be Awesome

Columba Day 2027



Tomorrow 18 September, we are celebrating Columba Day!

- **What to wear:** House colours or House-themed fancy dress. Students playing in the Staff vs Students Footy Game should bring sports attire to change into.
- **Activities:** House Music, games, Dunk Tank, disco, 3v3 basketball, volleyball/pickleball, quiet activities and the Staff vs Students Footy Game.
- **Canteen:** Food can be purchased/preordered using Iona Student ID cards. Hot chocolates will be available from the Iona Cottage, with coffees available for Year 12 students.
- **Food trucks:** Pizza, dumplings, Mexican, Twisto, churros, bao/pho and burgers. Cash and EFTPOS/debit card accepted.
- **Menus:** Please see the menus below for available food options. Prices are subject to change.



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COLUMBA DAY MENU

CHUBBY BAO

BAO 1 for \$8, 3 for \$22

Pho Fried Chicken, cucumber, chilli & fresh herbs Crunch Fried Chicken, slaw, Chubby mayo Beaut Pork belly, pickles, cucumber & peanut (DFO, GFO)

Beast Beef brisket, kimchi, radish, gochujang mayo & spring onion (DFO, GFO)

Sailor Furikake prawn, charcoal buns, slaw, pickles & yuzu aioli Forest Mixed mushroom, water chestnut, cabbage, carrot, garlic, spring onion & peanut (DF, VG, GFO)

Nightshade Eggplant, slaw, Szechuan glaze (DF, VG)

SIDES

Fried chicken \$25

Signature fried chicken with Chubby sauce

Pulled beef fries \$25

kimchi, spring onion & gochujang mayo

Plain chips \$8/12

COMBOS Meal for One \$32

Choice of 3 baos, 1 side & 1 drink

Kid's Bao Bun Meal \$20

Crunch bao bun & chips

Kid's fried chicken Meal \$20

Fried chicken & chips

EXTRAS/DRINKS

Chubby sauce \$2

Gochujang mayo \$2

Soft Drink \$4

Water \$4

TWISTED TEMPTATIONS

Twisted Potato \$12.00

Twisted Combo \$14.00

One twisted potato and one drink

Feed for Two \$25.00

Two twisted potatoes and two donuts

Twisted Mega Deal \$30.00

Soft Drink (Sugar Free) \$4.00

Water \$4.00

Hot Jam Donut \$3.00

Churros Yummy Donuts

Cinnamon Sugar \$7.00

Icing Sugar \$7.00

Chocolate Drizzled \$8.00

Caramel Drizzled \$8.00

Nutella Drizzled \$9.00

Jam Filled \$9.00

GYPSY LUNCHBOX

Kids Cheese Burger \$14.00

Angus beef, American cheddar, Westmont pickles, onion, and ketchup.

Angus Beef & Bacon Burger \$17.00

Angus beef, American cheddar, lettuce, tomato, onion, Westmont pickles, house burger sauce.

Southern-fried Chicken Burger \$17.00

Southern-fried chicken, American cheddar, house slaw, chilli mayo.

Side Fries \$6.00

Tray Fries \$15.00

Loaded Fries (Bacon, cheese, sauce) \$17.00

Soft drink \$4.00

LIL DUMPLING VAN

4 Pieces w free sauce \$10.00

8 Pieces w free sauce \$18.00

Steamed Bun \$6.00

Regular Chips \$8.00

Dumpling Options:

- Pork
- Chicken
- Beef
- Vegetable/ Vegan

PERLA MEXICAN

TACOS ..2/\$16

Beef, Chicken or Black bean soft tacos with pico de gallo, pickled onion & salsa verde

NACHOS.. \$16

Corn Chips, melted cheese, salsa, guacamole, sour cream, pickled onion, jalapeno, coriander

FRIES..\$10

Fries w/ Perla salt seasoning

LOADED FRIES..\$16

Fries w/ melted cheese, meat or beans, lime crema, pickled onion & coriander

PIZZA PARTY MAN

Garlic \$15.00

Garlic, cheese & Oregano

Margherita \$20.00

Tomato & Mozzarella

Vegetarian \$22.00

Tomato, Mozzarella, Mushroom, Onions, Olives

Hawaiian \$22.00

Tomato, Mozzarella, Ham & Pineapple

Salame \$25.00

Tomato, Mozzarella, Salami

Mushroom \$22.00

Tomato, Mozzarella, Mushroom

Melbournian \$25.00

Tomato, Mozzarella, Salami, Pesto

BBQ M/Lovers \$25.00

Tomato, Mozzarella, Ham, Onion, Salami, BBQ Sauce

Frankie \$25.00

tomato, Mozzarella, Prosciutto, Rocket, Parmesan Cheese

Nutella \$15.00

Nutella, Icing Sugar



IONA CANTEEN

Sausage Roll \$4.00

Toasties

Cheese

Ham and Cheese, Cheese and

Tomato \$4.00

Ham, Cheese and Tomato \$4.50

IONA COTTAGE

Hot Chocolate (Yr7-11) \$3.00

Coffees (Staff & Yr12 Students) \$4.00

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Term 3 Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Saturday 20 June - Thursday 2 July	Indonesian Study Trip
Monday 22 June - Tuesday 30 June	Central Australia Immersion
Friday 26 June	Term 2 Concludes (2:05 pm)
Thursday 2 July	Community Connections Day
Friday 4 July - Friday 10 July	Admin Office Closed for Holidays
Monday 13 July	Student Free Day (Staff Professional Development)
Tuesday 14 July	Term 3 Starts
Wednesday 22 July	Unit 4 Student Progress Meetings (Onsite, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm)
Thursday 30 July	July Soiree (6 pm - 8 pm)
Tuesday 11 August	Time and Space Evening, Year 7 Students and Mother Figures (Iona College Stadium, 6 pm - 8 pm)
Wednesday 12 August	Consent Labs Parent/ Carer Night (Online, 6 pm - 7 pm)
Thursday 13 August	Ensemble Showcase (Iona College Stadium, 6 pm)
Monday 24 August	Student Progress Meeting (Onsite, 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm)
Thursday 27 August	Year 7 Immunisations
Tuesday 25 August	Student Free Day (Staff Professional Development)
Friday 28 August	School Play Evening Performance (Plat Form Art, 6 pm - 8 pm)
Tuesday 1 September	Student Progress Meetings (Online, 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm)
Tuesday 8 September	Year 7 Grandparent/Special Person Morning Tea, Iona College (View Email for Allocated Time)
Saturday 12 September - Wednesday 23 September	Timor-Leste Immersion
Tuesday 15 September	VCE English Trial Exam
Wednesday 16 September	VCE Recital (Iona College, Drama Room, 4:30 pm - 8:15 pm)
Thursday 17 September	Whole School Mass (Formal Uniform)
Friday 18 September	Columba Day
Friday 18 September	Term 3 Concludes (2:05 pm)
Monday 21 September - Thursday 24 September	VCE Unit 3&4 Trial Exams

Term 4 Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Friday 25 September - Friday 2 October	Admin Office Closed for Holidays
Monday 5 October	Term 4 Commences
Tuesday 13 October	Year 12 Final Assembly (Formal Uniform)
Tuesday 13 October	Year 12 Arts / Technology Exhibition of student work (Iona College Arts Department, 4:15 pm - 5:45 pm)
Tuesday 13 October	Graduation Mass (Iona College Stadium, 6 - 7:30 pm, Year 12 Students Only)
Thursday 15 October	Year 12 Graduation Dinner (GMHBA Stadium, 7 pm, Year 12 Students Only)
Tuesday 20 October	Year 7 2027 Parent/Carer Information Night (Online, 6 pm - 7 pm)
Tuesday 27 October - Tuesday 17 November	VCE Unit 3&4 VCAA External Written Exams
Monday 2 November	Student Free Day (School Closed for Mid-Term Break)
Tuesday 3 November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday 18 November	Year 8 Passion Project Expo (Iona College, 1:30 pm - 3 pm)
Tuesday 17 November - Friday 20 November	Unit 2 VCE Exams and Year 10 English, Maths and Sciences Exams
Monday 23 November	Student Free Day (Staff Professional Development)
Wednesday 25 November	Year 7 Passion Project Expo (Iona College, 1:30 pm - 3 pm)
Thursday 26 November	Inspired Exhibition of student work, VCE Arts / Technology (Iona College Arts Department, 4.15 - 5.45 pm)
Tuesday 1 December	Christmas Soiree (Iona College Stadium, 6 pm - 7 pm)
Thursday 3 December	Whole School Assembly (Formal Uniform)
Thursday 3 December	Term 4 Concludes (3:05 pm)
Friday 18 December	Iona College Admin Office Closes
Wednesday 20 January	Iona College Admin Office Opens (Date Subject to Building Works)
Friday 29 January	Year 7 and Year 12 First Day
Monday 1 February	Year 8 - 11 First Day

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.

A reminder that Term 3 concludes at 2:05 pm tomorrow. We hope that our community has a wonderful and restful break.

Thanks for your support.

Damian, Kylie and Melissa