

# IONA SPORT

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11 February 2026

Round 1 of the AIC AFL, cricket and volleyball seasons got underway last weekend versus Marist College Ashgrove.

Overall, Iona had a solid start, winning the majority of matches in AFL and volleyball. Our Firsts AFL and Volleyball teams had an excellent start to the season, winning their games. Our First VI volleyball team won three sets to nil and the First XVIII AFL team won 47-34. Unfortunately, the First XI cricket team went down. Marist posted 176, after a very good start in the run chase (2/89), the boys lost their way with some poor shot selection which built score board pressure, eventually we were all out for 129. I know our boys will bounce back from this. We are still well and truly in the hunt.

A special moment took place over the weekend. Our First XI cricket captain, Alex Harrision had a photo with his dad, Russell Harrison, who was also the First XI cricket captain when he attended Iona College (class of 89), 37 years apart. It is great to see the old boys and their sons sharing the passion for their alma mater.



All members of the Iona community are equally valued, and all have their role to play to ensure our College continues to thrive. If any of our staff, parents, students, Old Boys or community friends fail, our College fails.

Our parents are a big part of our community. Looking back over the week, our parents played a massive role within the sports program. The overall standard of dress has been impressive. This can be attributed to our parents, who buy the uniforms and ensure their boys are dressed correctly when they leave home. I had little to no cause to correct any student on his appearance at swimming and the games played at Iona over the weekend. It is so pleasing to have the support of parents to ensure our boys are maintaining the highest standards. Thank you to all involved!

Our swimming parents yet again attended in great numbers to prepare, cook and serve our weekly swim breakfasts. The support was so great, we are virtually knocking back help. We are so appreciative.

Our parents assist by coaching teams, timekeeping at swimming, officiating, and scoring at various games throughout the week. The support of the parents is needed to drive their sons to the various training and game-day sessions. The support of parents is needed when we look to enforce standards of behavior and personal conduct whilst representing the College. A big thanks is given to all our parents who are very much a part of the Iona team!

The Sports Office is currently preparing for the upcoming AIC rugby and football seasons. Over many weeks, we have advertised the section below regarding our need for coaches and officials in these sports. If you can assist, please complete the 2026 Volunteer Expression of Interest Form online –

Outside coaches/Old Boys to complete this link:

<https://iona.jotform.com/252378337384870>

Parent Volunteers are to use this link:

<https://iona.jotform.com/252601175601851>

AIC Sports Information is provided by [Clipboard](#) (includes wet weather updates)

Head of Sport: Mr Craig Stariha – 3893 8851

Sports Administrator: Mrs Karen Otway – 3893 8805

Sports Administrator: Mr Alex Jirasek – 3906 8917

Assistant Head of Sport (5-6): Mr Connor Russell – 3893 8869

Assistant Head of Sport (7-12): Mr Harry Milford – TBC

Information regarding the sign-on process for rugby and football will be sent to families in the next 2-3 weeks. All trials will occur during the last two weeks of this term, with internal trials being held on Saturday 28 March and Saturday 25 April (ANZAC Day with games commencing after midday) as per the College calendar. Please keep these dates free.

Be aware that all those who sign-on to play rugby and football will be selected in a team – no one will miss out. Our coordinators are currently sorting out those who have registered an interest to coach via the 2026 Volunteer Expression of Interest Form online. The coordinator/s will contact these people soon to offer them a team.

If you have any questions regarding coaching or officiating, please contact the coordinators listed below.

Rugby Co-Coordinator – Mr Alexander Jirasek

[jiraseka@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:jiraseka@iona.qld.edu.au)

Football Coordinator – Mr Connor Russell

[russellc@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:russellc@iona.qld.edu.au)

This week, we are drawn to play Padua College in the main draw. Please look at the draws carefully (which are uploaded to Clipboard as well as being posted below). Be sure to allow enough travel time to find the venue. We need our players at the games at least 30 minutes prior so the team can adequately prepare for the game ahead. Play hard, be good Ionians and enjoy!

### **Craig Stariha, Head of Sport**

#### **Clipboard – MUST READ!**

Clipboard is an online sports communication system which allows coaches, players and parents to access weekly draws, training schedules, sport sign-on, injury reports, score lines and much more.

Please access the link below to gain instructions on how to log into Clipboard (NOTE – these instructions have changed since last week due to the introduction of ICON).

If you having any difficulties logging in or accessing Clipboard, please contact the ICT Service Desk ([ictservices@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:ictservices@iona.qld.edu.au)).

For queries regarding sign on, sessions time, venue locations, cancellations, etc, please contact Mr Jirasek ([jiraseka@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:jiraseka@iona.qld.edu.au)).

Please see the link below for a guide on how to navigate and setup Clipboard on your device.

[\(Parent Clipboard Guide\)](#)

## **IONA UNIFORM SHOP**

2026 Opening Hours:

Week 1 – Tuesday– Friday 8am–3.30pm

Week 2 onwards – Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8am – 3.30pm. Tuesday and Thursday – Closed

## **IONA SPORT SEASON PLANNER**

- Fri 13 Feb: AIC Round 2 AFL (1sts/2nds) vs Pad  
Fri 13 Feb: AIC swim meet Years 5-12 @ Iona  
Sat 14 Feb: AIC Round 2 AFL (Years 5-10) vs Pad  
Sat 14 Feb: AIC Round 2 cricket /volleyball vs Pad (H)  
Sun 15 Feb: Fleet Racing Sailing  
Fri 20 Feb: AIC swim meet Years 5-12 @ St Peters  
Fri 20 Feb: AIC Round 3 AFL (1sts/2nds) vs SPE  
Sat 21 Feb: AIC Round 3 AFL (Years 5-10) vs SPE  
Sat 21 Feb: AIC Round 3 cricket /volleyball vs SPE (H)  
Sun 22 Feb: Fleet Racing Sailing  
Thurs 26 Feb: AIC swim meet Years 5-12 @ Chandler  
Fri 27 Feb: AIC Round 4 AFL (1sts/2nds) vs Villa  
Sat 28 Feb: AFL, Volleyball and Cricket Team Photos for those teams playing at Iona.  
Sat 28 Feb: AIC Round 4 AFL (Years 5-10) vs Villa  
Sat 28 Feb: AIC Round 4 cricket/volleyball vs Villa (A)  
Sun 1 Mar: Fleet Racing Sailing  
Fri 6 Mar: Swim Team BBQ and Final Time Trial  
Fri 6 Mar: AIC Round 5 AFL (1sts/2nds) vs SPC  
Sat 7 Mar: AIC Round 5 AFL (Years 5-10) vs SPC  
Sat 7 Mar: AIC Round 5 cricket/volleyball vs SPC (A)  
Sun 8 Mar: Teams Racing Sailing  
Tues 10 Mar: AIC Swimming Championships  
Fri 13 Mar: Primary AFL / Cricket Team Photos  
Fri 13 Mar: AIC Round 6 AFL (1sts/2nds) vs SLC  
Sat 14 Mar: AFL, Volleyball and Cricket Team Photos for those teams playing at Iona.  
Sat 14 Mar: AIC Round 6 AFL (Years 5-10) vs SLC  
Sat 14 Mar: AIC Round 6 cricket/volleyball vs SLC (H)  
Sun 15 Mar: Teams Racing Sailing  
Fri 20 Mar: AIC Round 7 AFL (1sts/2nds) vs SEC  
Sat 21 Mar: AIC Round 7 AFL (Years 5-10) vs SEC  
Sat 21 Mar: AIC Round 7 cricket/volleyball vs SEC (A)  
Sun 22 Mar: Reams Racing Sailing  
23-27 Mar: Years 5-12 Rugby/Football/Chess Trials Begin  
Fri 27 Mar: Chess Trial vs Villa (A)  
Sat 28 Mar: Rugby/Football Trial vs Villa (A) (1sts/2nds/10A)  
Sat 28 Mar: Internal Trials Rugby/Football  
Sun 29 Mar: Teams Racing Sailing

# AFL

## Years 7-12 Coordinator

Mr Leigh Harding – [hardingl@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:hardingl@iona.qld.edu.au)

## Years 5/6 Coordinator:

Mr Jack Rolls – [rollsj@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:rollsj@iona.qld.edu.au)

A great start to the AIC AFL season for all teams who played against Marist in Round 1. Some great results for all year levels. The First XVIII had a great first up win after starting strongly and putting Marist on the back foot. The final margin ended up being 14 points, but Iona was always in full control. Good luck to all teams playing Padua this week.



Please see link below for all AFL information for 2026:

[AIC AFL Season Schedule](#)

## AFL Progressive Season Results

	Rd1 Mar	Rd2 Pad	Rd3 SPLC	Rd4 Villa	Rd5 SPC	Rd6 SLC	Rd7 SEC
1st	Won 47-34						
2nd	Lost 5-55						
10A	Won 70-9						
9A	Lost 1-67						
9B	Lost 7-100						
8A	Lost 6-26						
8B	Won 42-28						
7A	Won 55-2						
7B	Won 66-48						
6A	Lost 63-84						
6B	Won 73-45						
6C	Lost 19-71						
6D	Lost 21-66						
5A	Won 84-14						
5B	Won 56-40						

5C	Won 54-26						
5D	Won 83-70						

## Round 2 vs Padua Friday 13 February

Team	Venue	Time	Oval
1sts	Coorparoo AFC Birubi St, Coorparoo	4.45pm	Field 1
2nds	Coorparoo AFC Birubi St, Coorparoo	4.45pm	Field 2

## Round 2 vs Padua - Saturday 14 February

Team	Venue	Time	Oval
10A	Wynnum Vikings Kianawah Rd Wynnum West	9.30am	1
9A	Wynnum Vikings Kianawah Rd Wynnum West	8.30am	1
9B	Wynnum Vikings Kianawah Rd Wynnum west	7.30am	1
8A	Iona College	9.30am	St Eugene
8B	Iona College	10.30am	Dwyer
7A	Iona College	10.30am	St Eugene
7B	Iona College	9.30am	Dwyer
6A	Iona College	8.30am	Dwyer
6B	Iona College	7.30am	Dwyer
6C	Iona College	8.30am	St Eugene 3
6D vs Pad 6D brown	Iona College	7.30am	St Eugene 3
5A	Iona College	8.30am	St Eugene 1
5B	Iona College	7.30am	St Eugene 1
5C	Iona College	8.30am	St Eugene 2
5D vs Pad 5D brown	Iona College	7.30am	St Eugene 2

## AFL Team Photos

Years 5 and 6: Photos will be taken on Friday 13 March in Period 1. Boys will wear formal grey uniform for these photos.



Years 7-Open: Photos will be taken on the co-curricular photo days later in the year.

## CHESS

### Coordinator

Mr Kevin Caine – [cainek@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:cainek@iona.qld.edu.au)

Chess has started back with trials and training on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

### Monday mornings

Seniors (Years 10-12) 6:55am to 8:00am

Juniors (Years 5-6) 8:00am to 8:50am

Yes, this will run through Homeroom!

### Tuesday Mornings

Intermediate (Years 7-9) 6:55am – 8:25am

If you are unable to make one, please attend the other.

## CRICKET

### Coordinator

Mr Harry Milford – [milfordh@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:milfordh@iona.qld.edu.au)

Round 1 proved to be highly competitive across all Year levels against our cross-town rivals, Marist College Ashgrove. I am extremely proud of the sportsmanship and respect displayed to the opposition, umpires and volunteers who enable the games to run smoothly each week.

The First XI faced a gutsy Marist College Ashgrove outfit who managed to defend their 176-run total at home. Cohen Hamilton and Henry Bader spearheaded our bowling attack with 3 wickets a piece, ensuring we would chase a manageable total. Jackson Williams (vc) took early control of his innings, amassing a half century. The First XI were 2-89 and looked in control before Marist took momentum with a series of wickets. The First XI would go on to lose 8-40 finishing with 129 runs, losing by 48 runs.

### Clipboard – MUST READ

It is imperative that Clipboard is **checked weekly** for lineup changes, training sessions and games.

With inclement weather predicted this weekend – any cancellations of Saturday's games will be made via Clipboard. It is an Iona rule that unless the game has been officially cancelled, all players are expected to report to the ground.

## Round 1 Player Highlights

Jackson Williams First XI – 57 runs

Oscar Sweetnam Second XI – 63 runs

Luca Copp – 76\*

Zac Taylor – 92\* (back-to-back not out innings with his unbeaten 103 runs in the St. Patricks Trial round)

### Team Spotlight – Second XI

The Second XI had a terrific start to their 2026 campaign, chasing down 150 runs in the final overs to secure a massive win over Marist College Ashgrove. See the team celebrating their win below:



### 2026 AIC Cricket – Season Schedule

The 2026 AIC Cricket Season Schedule contains all information about training times and the AIC regular season. Please ensure you are frequently checking the College Sports Newsletter and Clipboard for the scheduled training sessions. Any changes will be made live in Clipboard.

Please see link below for all cricket information.

### [AIC Cricket Season Schedule](#)

Years 5-9 will also train during their weekly sport lesson.

### Cricket Progressive Results

Team	Rd1 Mar	Rd2 Pad	Rd3 SPLC	Rd4 Villa	Rd5 SPC	Rd6 SLC	Rd7 SEC
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lost Iona 129 Mar 6/176						
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Won Iona 6/150 Mar 9/149						
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lost Iona 6/114 Mar 9/128						
10A	Won Iona 3/162 Mar 8/161						
10B	Lost Iona 51						

	Mar 4/52						
9A	Lost Iona 43 Mar 3/44						
9B	Lost Iona 63 Mar 2/230						
9C	Lost Iona 8/56 Mar 9/140						
8A	Won Iona 1/142 Mar 8/138						
8B	Lost Iona 9/65 Mar 9/69						
7A	Won Iona 130 Mar 52						
7B	Lost Iona 82 Mar 6/173						
7C	Lost Iona 8/55 Mar 142						
7D	Won Iona 6/82 Mar 4/81						
6A	Draw Iona 9/95 Mar 10/95						
6B	Lost Iona 9/40 Mar 0/41						
6C	Lost Iona 3/72 Mar 4/94						
5A	Won Iona 169 Mar 7/164						
5B	Lost Iona 9/64 Mar 4/65						
5Black	Lost Iona 7/48 Mar 3/55						
5Grey	Lost Iona 4/59 Mar 4/60						
5White Vs Villa	Lost Iona 5/61 Mar 2/64						

Cricket Training Schedule 2026					
VENUE	TIME	MON	TUE	WED	THUR
Cricket Nets/ Harron Oval	6:45 – 8am		1st XI/2nd XI	Year 6 (7am – 8am)	Year 5 7 – 8am
Harron Oval	3.15 – 4:45pm	Year 8A & B only (field)	Wicket Keeping (all year 5–10 keepers)		1st XI/2nd XI (Davine)
Cricket Nets	3.15 – 4.45pm		3rd XI	7C / 7D (net)	Year 9 Year 10
McCarthy Oval	3.15 – 4.45pm	Year 7A & B only (field)	10A and 9A only (field)	Year 7A & B (net/field) Year 8A&B (field/net)	

### Round 2 vs Padua – Saturday 14 February

TEAM	VENUE	OVAL	TIME
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Iona College	Davine	9.30am–5.15pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Iona College	Harron	1pm–5.50pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI vs Mar Gold	Iona College	McCarthy	11am–2pm
10A	Iona College	Harron	8am–12.50pm
10B vs SLC C	Iona College	McCarthy	7.30am–10.30am
9A	Padua Fields Elliott Rd, Banyo	Field 1	8am–12.50pm
9B	Padua Fields Elliott Rd, Banyo	Field 2	8am–12.50pm
9C	Gibson Park Lindley St, Stafford	North Oval	8am–11am
8A	Padua Fields Elliott Rd, Banyo	Field 1	1pm–5.30pm
8B	Padua Fields Elliott Rd, Banyo	Field 3	1pm–5.30pm
7A	Padua Fields Elliott Rd, Banyo	Field 2	1pm–5.30pm
7B	Padua Fields Elliott Rd, Banyo	Field 3	8am–12.30pm
7C	Gibson Park Lindley St, Stafford	South Oval	8am–11am

7D	Melrose Park Roseleigh St Wooloowin	West Oval	8am- 11am
6A	Kianawah Park Manly Rd, Tingalpa	Field 1	8am- 11.30am
6B	Kianawah Park Manly Rd, Tingalpa	Field 5	8am – 11.30am
6C	Kianawah Park Manly Rd, Tingalpa	Field 6	7.30am- 9.55am
5A	Marchant Park Murphy Rd, Chermside	Field 4	8am- 11.30am
5B	Boyd Park Goss Rd Virginia	Field 1	8am – 11.30am
5 Black Pad C	Padua Primary Turner Rd, Kedron	Greccio	7.30- 9.55am
5 Grey Pad 5 brown	Melrose Park Roseleigh St Wooloowin	East Oval	8am- 10.25am
5 White Mar C blue	Des Connor Park Grevillea Rd, Ashgrove	Field C	8am- 10.25am

### Cricket Team Photos

Saturday 28 February – Outside McCarthy 7 Year 7-9 volleyball teams playing at Iona.

Saturday 14 March – Outside McCarthy 7 Year 10 to Open volleyball teams who are playing at Iona.



### Cricket Uniform

The following items can be purchased from the Uniform Shop on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

#### Match Uniform for Saturdays

Iona cricket pants:	\$48
Iona cricket long-sleeved shirt:	\$55
Iona cricket short sleeved shirt:	\$45
Black Iona wide-brimmed hat:	\$20
'I' cap:	\$15 –\$16.50
Cricket box	\$8

#### Training Uniform

Iona HPE shorts:	\$35
Iona tube sports socks (black):	\$11
Iona ankle sports socks (black):	\$10.50
Iona Yura t-shirt:	\$45

### Scoring

Anyone willing to assist with scoring on game day is encouraged to contact the Cricket Coordinators.

### Cricket Kit Bags and Equipment

All boys selected in an A or B team are expected to supply their own kit bag (box, pads, glove, bat and helmet – minimum)

Those in a C or D team will have access to limited Iona-supplied kit bags. A box must be individually supplied for obvious hygiene reasons.

## CROSS COUNTRY

### Coordinator (Years 7-12)

Mr Brendan Merrotsy – [merrotsyb@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:merrotsyb@iona.qld.edu.au)

### Coordinator (Primary)

Adam McClure – [mcclurea@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:mcclurea@iona.qld.edu.au)

### Cross Country 2026 (Yr 7-12)

The 2026 Cross Country season will commence in week 4, with three sessions available.

There is no requirement to attend all sessions, the sessions are open to all students from Years 7-12, regardless of your previous experience.

Cross Country training is a great way to build your aerobic base & speed for many other Semester 1 sports including Cricket, AFL, Rugby & Soccer.

It also is a great opportunity to run with your mates and improves your fitness whilst being a part of a team.

### Training Logistics

Students can get picked up & return home after training on Monday morning if they wish. Otherwise, the bus will be returning with all students from the waterfront to the College, after the run by 7:45am at the latest. Students can then get changed at school.

Students will be able to use the pool at Iona as a cool down, before having to get into the uniform, after Wed & Fri morning sessions. Students will be supervised in the pool and are asked to be respectful of pool rules – no grass, no jumping, no leaning on lane ropes etc.

Please bring a towel and a change of underwear if you would like to use the pool.

### Team Meeting

Please meet in the Lecture Theatre this Friday, second break for a meeting about key information for the upcoming season.

## Cross Country Training Schedule

Sessions	Time	Meeting Point
Monday Morning Long Run	6.15–7.30am	Wynnum Wading Pool (minibus returns to College with all students at 7.40am)
Tuesday Working with Primary squad	3.15–4.15pm (starts week 6)	Davine Oval
Wednesday Morning Hills/Interval Session	6.45–8am	Junior Handball Courts
Friday Morning Speed / Games	6.45–8am	Junior Handball Courts

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Merrotsy.

## FOOTBALL

### Coordinator

Mr Connor Russell – [russellc@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:russellc@iona.qld.edu.au)

### High-Performance Football

All boys in the High-Performance Football Program are expected to:

- Arrive at school and homeroom on time after training
- Remain on campus at the conclusion of Football training
- Represent the program and the College in a responsible and respectful manner

### Years 7-10

St Eugene's Park – Tuesday Morning 6.45–8.00am

### Opens

St Eugene's Park – Tuesday Mornings 6.45am – 8.00am and Thursday Mornings 6.45am – 8.00am (Beginning in week 4.)

## HIGH PERFORMANCE

### Coordinator

Mr Leigh Harding – [hardingl@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:hardingl@iona.qld.edu.au)

Congratulations to Duke Flanagan for his selection in the 2026 Brisbane Bullets U16 Athlete Academy Program.



### District And Regional Sport Trials

This year Iona has moved into a new district structure. Our new district "Riverside Rays" will replace Lytton (10-12yrs) and Composite (13-19yrs). Riverside Rays will follow a 10-19yrs District model.

District trial information will **now EXCLUSIVELY be published on the Representative Sport Page in ICON.**

Here you will find:

- Representative Sports Calendar
- Nomination Close dates
- District Information
- Nomination Form

**Click the link below to access the new page.**

[ICON - Representative Sport](#)

### Direct Pathway:

ICON – Co-Curricular – Sport – Representative Sport

### 10-12 Years Information 2026

Sport	Details	Nominations Close
Swimming 10-12 Yrs	Riverside Nominations (qualifying times apply)	Wed 11 Feb
AFL 10-12 Yrs	Riverside District Trial	Fri 20 Feb
Netball 10-11 Yrs	Riverside District Trial	Fri 6 Mar
Netball 11-12 Yrs	Riverside District Trial	Fri 6 Mar

## 13-19 Years Information 2026

Sport	Details	Nominations Close
Netball 13-15yrs	Direct to Met East Trial	Wed 11 Feb
AFL 13-14 Yrs	Riverside District Trial	Wed 11 Feb
Rugby League 15-16 Yrs	Riverside District Trial	Fri 13 Feb
Rugby League 17-18 Yrs	Riverside District Trial	Fri 13 Feb
Squash 10-19yrs	Riverside District Trial	Mon 16 Feb
Touch Football 13-15yrs	Riverside District Trial	Fri 20 Feb
Touch Football 16-18yrs	Riverside District Trial	Fri 20 Feb
Hockey 13-15yrs	Direct to Met East Trial	Fri 27 Feb
Hockey 16-19yrs	Direct to Met East Trial	Fri 27 Feb
AFL 15-17 Yrs	Direct to Met East Trial	Fri 27 Feb
Rugby Union 17-18yrs	Direct to Met East Trial	Fri 27 Feb

### Term 1, 2026 Gym Schedule

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
6.30 – 7.30am	Intro To Gym	Intro To Gym	Intro to Gym	1 <sup>st</sup> AFL Cricket and Volleyball	Iona Swimming (6am Start)
7.15 – 8.15am	Harlequins Squad	Hoops Squad	Harlequins Squad	Hoops Squad	Harlequins Squad
3.15 – 4.15pm	1sts Cricket 1sts Volleyball	1sts AFL and Any High Performance	Any High Performance	Any High Performance	Any High Performance & Intro To Gym
5:15 – 6.30pm		Iona Swimming Club	Iona Swimming Club		

### Iona Strength and Conditioning

The Iona Strength and Conditioning program is overseen by accredited industry experts and guided by the ASCA Position Stand on Resistance Training for Children and Youth.

The sequential programs also closely align to long-term athletic development principles.

Any student wishing to attend the Iona gym for the first time must first contact Mr Harding prior to attending.

### Gym rules

- Use the bag racks for your bags and get changed in dressing rooms downstairs.
- Wear Iona sports uniform, not club gear.
- Follow all instructions from your trainer carefully.
- Complete all exercises on your program.
- Prioritise the safety of yourself and others.
- Ensure you use all equipment correctly and return it to where you got it from.

### Gym groups

- ANY HIGH-PERFORMANCE groups are for players that are members of Iona Firsts Squads or regional representative sport. Students are given two-day programs based on their S&C goals.
- INTRODUCTION TO GYM TRAINING is for Year 7-12 students that are not a part of other groups. Students are provided a suitable program to work through.

## RUGBY LEAGUE

### Coordinators

Mr Andrew Fildes – [fildesa@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:fildesa@iona.qld.edu.au)

The Confraternity Carnival (commonly known as *Confro*) is the premier rugby league tournament for Catholic and independent secondary schools in Queensland. Established in 1980, it brings together the top 16 rugby league schools in the state to compete in the 1st Division competition. This year's prestigious carnival will run from 28 June to 3 July and will be hosted in Brisbane by Marist College Ashgrove. Iona College will once again field a 1st Division squad.

Eligibility: Students turning 16, 17, or 18 in 2026.

Trial Dates:

- 25 March – 7:00am, Davine Oval
- 30 March – 3:00pm, Davine Oval

Suggested experience level: 2025 1<sup>st</sup> XIII, 2<sup>nd</sup> XIII, 10A or 9A.

**Students must nominate via Clipboard.** Squad

reductions will take place after nominations, the first trial, and the second trial.

For further information, please contact:

[fildesa@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:fildesa@iona.qld.edu.au)

## RUGBY UNION

### Coordinators

Mr Alex Jirasek [jiraseka@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:jiraseka@iona.qld.edu.au)

Mr Craig Stariha [starihac@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:starihac@iona.qld.edu.au)

### Rugby Referee Course

Iona will host a Referee Ready Course on Wednesday the 25 of February. Please see the below link for more information and to register expression of interest. This course is open to staff, parents, coaches and students from Years 8-12.

[Iona Referee Ready Flyer](#)

Also, for information regarding how to pre enrol to the course please see the link below.

[How to Pre-Enrol](#)

### Coaches Needed

We rely on the support of our Iona community to continue running such a large sporting program. For any Old Boys and Parents interested in coaching next term please complete the appropriate link below and touch base with Mr Alex Jirasek ([jiraseka@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:jiraseka@iona.qld.edu.au)).

Outside coaches/Old Boys to complete this link:

<https://iona.jotform.com/252378337384870>

Parent Volunteers are to use this link:

<https://iona.jotform.com/252601175601851>

### Hoops & Harlequins

The development programs are both well underway and the high level of effort and accountability over these first two weeks has set the standard for the remainder of the term.

### Uniform

Gym - Yura shirt/singlet, PE shorts, PE socks

Field - Yura shirt/singlet, Rugby shorts, PE socks

### Harlequins

Dwyer Oval - Friday 6.30-8.00am

### Hoops

Dwyer Oval - Wednesday 6.30-8.00am

## SAILING

### Coordinator

Mr Kevin Caine - [cainek@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:cainek@iona.qld.edu.au)

Last week saw another case of strong northerly winds, which resulted in land-based training. Unfortunately, Sunday racing was postponed due to the lack of wind. The glass-like bay and the glistening sun took center stage. When Sailing finally got underway, only 3 races took place with many Iona boys placing in the top 10 in each race.

### Fleet sailing is this Sunday 15th February

This weekend is the last of Fleet races, good luck to all our boys. Rigging from 8am - please reply with your attendance on the teams app when it is posted.

**Team Races for Term 1 2026 commence Sunday 22 February.** The Uniform shop has new sailing rashies available.

**Training is every Tuesday afternoon.** Please reply to the teams app your attendance and bus attendance.

### Expression of interest

On the water umpires are still needed for Teams racing. If you have a boat license and are interested in being involved, please contact Kevin Caine. A certification course will be run by RQ soon.

Anyone interested in joining the Sailing team who does not have experience can contact DPSS (Darling Point Sailing Squad) or RQYS (Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron) for details of learn to sail or Tackers courses. If you have questions, please get in contact with Mr. Caine.

## SWIMMING

### Head Coach

Mr John Gatfield - [iswim@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:iswim@iona.qld.edu.au)

### Assistant Head Coach

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### Important Notes

- The standard of dress was excellent at last week's meet, the boys looked great in the pool wearing plain black or Iona branded togs. Please keep up this standard. Thank you to the parents for supporting the College in this endeavour.
- Funky trunks and other coloured togs can be worn at training

- Iona will host Villa/St Pats & St Laurie's this Friday afternoon. Program below. Approx. 5.30/45pm finish.
- We ask all swimmers to purchase and wear the Iona Swim cap to all meets please. Again, this was evident last week. Keep up the good standards boys!
- We must keep up the training. AIC Champs during Tuesday Week 7, not far away. 4 sessions available each week, come to as many as you can, Thursday is the compulsory team training day.
- Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to assist, prepare/cook and serve tomorrow, Thursday 12 Feb. Please meet our staff on pool deck at 6.40am for further instructions.

### Swimming BBQ Breakfast – Parent Helpers Needed

We will offer the squad a BBQ breakfast after their swim session. This will simply consist of an egg and bacon or sausage on a piece on bread with sauce, served straight from the BBQ on a sheet of paper towel for minimal clean up.

We need of a group of parents who are keen to prepare, cook and serve. If you can assist, please complete this online volunteer form.

[AIC Swim Breakfast – Parent Volunteer Form 2026](#)

### Iona College Invitational Swim Meet

Friday 13 February 2026, Iona College Pool

#### Participating Colleges

Iona College  
Villanova College  
St Laurence's College  
St Patrick's College

#### ORDER OF EVENTS

- 100m Free (one race per age group) Yr 5, Yr 6, 12 yrs, 13 yrs, 14 yrs, 15 yrs, 16 yrs, Opens
- 50m Breast (unlimited) Yr 5, Yr 6, 12 yrs, 13 yrs, 14 yrs, 15 yrs, 16 yrs, Opens
- 50m Back (unlimited) Yr 5, Yr 6, 12 yrs, 13 yrs, 14 yrs, 15 yrs, 16 yrs, Opens
- 50m Free (unlimited) Yr 5, Yr 6, 12 yrs, 13 yrs, 14 yrs, 15 yrs, 16 yrs, Opens
- 50m Fly (one race per age group) Yr 5, Yr 6, 12 yrs, 13 yrs, 14 yrs, 15 yrs, 16 yrs, Opens

### TIMING OF EVENTS

Warm up: 3.50–4.15pm

First race: 4:20pm

Expected finish: 5.30–5.45pm

### AIC Swim Calendar – 2026

Date	Location	Transport
Friday 13 February	AIC Swim Meet – Iona/Villa/SLC/SPC) @ Iona College Pool	Approx. 4pm – 5.30pm–5.45pm
Friday 20 February	AIC Swim Meet @ St Peters	Approx. 3.15pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 26 February	AIC Swim Meet @ Brisbane Aquatic Centre Chandler	Bus provided to and from the Chandler. Times TBA
Friday 6 March	AIC Swim Team BBQ @ Iona College Pool	Approx. 3.15 – 4pm Team BBQ 4pm – 4.30pm
Tuesday 10 March	AIC Swimming Championships	Bus provided to and from the Championships. Times TBA

Parents are most welcome to attend the swim meets. The swim managers will require the assistance of our parents to time keep. If you can assist, please notify one of our swim managers on the pool deck. Your help will be appreciated.

Click on the link below to gain all information regarding the 2026 AIC swim season including:

- Training times
- Important contact information
- 2026 meets and important dates
- Rep trial information
- BBQ breakfast information & more

[Swim Season Link](#)

### AIC Swim Training Schedule – Term 1, 2026

Note: We encourage our swimmers to attend at least 2–4 sessions per week. The Thursday session is compulsory for all squad members. Club swimmers may continue to follow their club programs.

It is normal at Iona for boys to do swimming and participate in the AFL, cricket and volleyball programs.

Day	Students in Years 5-12 in 2026	
	AM – Before School	PM – After School
Monday		AIC Squad – 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday	AIC Squad – 6.45am – 7.45am	
Wednesday	AIC Squad – 6.45am – 7.45am	
Thursday	Compulsory Session AIC Squad – 6.45am – 7.45am (Followed by a team breakfast commencing Week 2, Thursday 5 Feb)	
Friday		AIC Swim Meets - Compulsory

## VOLLEYBALL

### Coordinator

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Congratulations to our teams for a great start to the AIC season. With 15 wins and 5 losses we were dominant over Marist. Keep training hard and good luck to all teams against Padua this Saturday. Congratulations to our First VI who won 3-0.

The 2026 AIC Volleyball Season Schedule contains all information about training times and the AIC regular season. Please ensure you check the College Sports Newsletter for training, game and duty times and Clipboard for the scheduled training sessions and game times. Any changes will be made live in Clipboard.

Please see link below for all Volleyball information.

[AIC Volleyball Season Schedule](#)

### Training Changes

- 8B will now train twice a week with the added session on a Tuesday afternoon.
- 8B and 7B training this Wednesday is cancelled due to venue availability.

All changes have been updated in Clipboard.

## Volleyball Progressive Season Results

Team	Rd1 Mar	Rd2 Pad	Rd3 SPE	Rd4 Villa	Rd5 SPC	Rd6 SLC	Rd7 SEC
1 <sup>st</sup>	Won 3-0						
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lost 0-2						
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Won 2-0						
11A	Won 2-1						
11B	Lost 1-2						
10A	Won 2-0						
10B	Won 2-1						
10C	Lost 1-2						
9A	Won 2-0						
9B	Lost 0-2						
9C	Lost 1-2						
9D	Won 2-1						
8A	Won 3-0						
8B	Won 3-0						
8C	Won 2-1						
8D	WOF						
7A	Won 2-0						
7B	Won 2-1						
7C	Won 3-0						
7D	Won 3-0						

### Round 2 vs Padua – Saturday 14 February

Team	Venue	Time	Court
1st	Iona College Provence Centre	Duty 10am Game 12pm	1
2nds	Iona College Provence Centre	Game 11am No Duty	1
3rds	Iona College Provence Centre	Duty 8am Game 9am	1
11A	Iona College Provence Centre	Game 10am Duty 11am	1
11B	Iona College Provence Centre	Game 8am Duty 9am	1



## Volleyball Team Photos

Saturday 28 February – Outside McCarthy 7  
Year 7-9 volleyball teams playing at Iona.

Saturday 14 March – Outside McCarthy 7  
Year 10 to Open volleyball teams who are playing at Iona.

10A	Iona College Provence Centre	Game 11am Duty 12pm	2
10B	Iona College Provence Centre	Duty 9am Game 10am	2
10C	Iona College Provence Centre	Game 9am Duty 10am	2
9A	Padua College 80 Turner Rd, Kedron La Cordelle	12pm	1
9B	Padua College 80 Turner Rd, Kedron La Cordelle	11am	1
9C	Padua College 80 Turner Rd, Kedron La Cordelle	12pm	3
9D	Padua College 80 Turner Rd, Kedron La Cordelle	11am	3
8A	Padua College 80 Turner Rd, Kedron La Cordelle	10am	1
8B	Padua College 80 Turner Rd, Kedron La Cordelle	9am	1
8C	Padua College 80 Turner Rd, Kedron La Cordelle	8am	1
8D	Padua College 80 Turner Rd, Kedron La Cordelle	8am	3
7A	Padua College 80 Turner Rd, Kedron La Cordelle	11am	2
7B	Padua College 80 Turner Rd, Kedron La Cordelle	10am	2
7C	Padua College 80 Turner Rd, Kedron La Cordelle	9am	2
7D	Padua College 80 Turner Rd, Kedron La Cordelle	8am	2

## Season Expectations

During the AIC Volleyball season, students who are selected in teams are to prioritise school volleyball over any other outside sporting commitments.

Furthermore, it is not permissible for any student to leave training or games early to attend other sporting commitments. Holidays should not be taken during the season for boys who are selected in a volleyball team.

Full commitment to training and games is required.

## Compulsory Duty

All teams will have a compulsory duty on the days they play games at Iona throughout the season. Boys are asked to arrive at the venue no later than **30 minutes before** their game time or duty time (whichever is first).

## Important Reminders

- Off-court warm up will start 30 minutes before game-start time.
- On-court warm-up starts 10 minutes before game-start time each week.
- Compression pants worn under the shorts for training or games must be black or skin-coloured.
- Students cannot wear slides, thongs, Crocs or Birkenstocks of any form before or after games or training.

Students must arrive and depart with appropriate fully enclosed footwear. No non-Iona clothing / jumpers are to be worn to games or training.