

A close-up photograph of two young girls smiling. The girl on the left has brown hair and freckles, wearing a red headband with a large red flower and a small bell. The girl on the right has blonde hair and is wearing a red sequined Santa hat with a white fur trim. They are both wearing white tops. The background is a soft-focus green outdoor setting.

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## Next issue:

The 2019 College Value is 'Courage and Integrity'.

Past Pupils, tell us a story about a time when you have faced a challenge or overcome adversity, when you have stood with integrity or acted with courage.

*Please send all stories to Georgia Allen  
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## message from THE PRINCIPAL



**2018 was an amazing year for Iona! From the transformation into a combined Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12 College operating across two campuses to the exciting developments due to occur across both learning spaces in the very near future.**

After many years of planning, the College has now embarked on

the construction of the new Stage 5/6 build. The College is very fortunate to work with Philip Idle and his team at EIW Architects to create this innovative education space. Stage 5/6 will comprise of the following:

- Demolition of the Boarding House and iCentre
- Construction of the Stage 5/6 building to accommodate Production Arts and Technology and Applied Science learning spaces and workshops, new iCentre, Student Services, Café and Staff Community Room.
- Refurbishment of all of the Science Laboratories in Sacre Coeur East and create a new STEAM precinct, the 'Discovery Centre'
- Linking of the Stage 5/6 building to both Sacre Coeur East and the Sports Centre/Year 7 Precinct to allow cross campus movement at multiple levels above the ground floor.
- Extensive landscaping surrounding the new build to create more spaces for learning and socializing, and especially connecting the new build to the Year 12 Building to the north and Cove Lane to the south.
- More dedicated College parking along the service road off Bay View Terrace, and additional perimeter parking along Lochee Street.

Demolition is almost complete and the project is set to conclude by the end of 2020.

In addition to the exciting transformations due to occur at the Senior Campus, we are thrilled to redevelop the play areas at the Junior School.

The plan includes,

- A complete redevelopment of the area separating the 'upper' classroom buildings and the 'lower' oval.
- Use of height gradients to introduce play elements, promoting both physical skill development (such as balancing, jumping, climbing) and learning skills (risk taking, imagination, cooperative play and exploration)
- A strong emphasis on incorporation of natural elements (logs, rocks and stones, water, sand, bush) and less formal structures.
- Multiple means for staff, families and students to traverse between the upper and lower levels of the Junior School.
- An Amphitheatre for external class work.
- A revised Buckland Avenue entrance to improve access and safety.

Work has already begun and will be complete by the end of Term 1 2019.

I hope you enjoy this latest edition of the *esprit de corps*. There is much to celebrate to be an Ionian.

God bless,

**Anne Pitos** BAppSc, GradDipEd, MEdL, MACE  
*Principal*



STAGE 5/6 BUILD



JUNIOR SCHOOL NATURE PLAY





4 from the archives  
A WALK DOWN  
MEMORY LANE

## From the Archives...

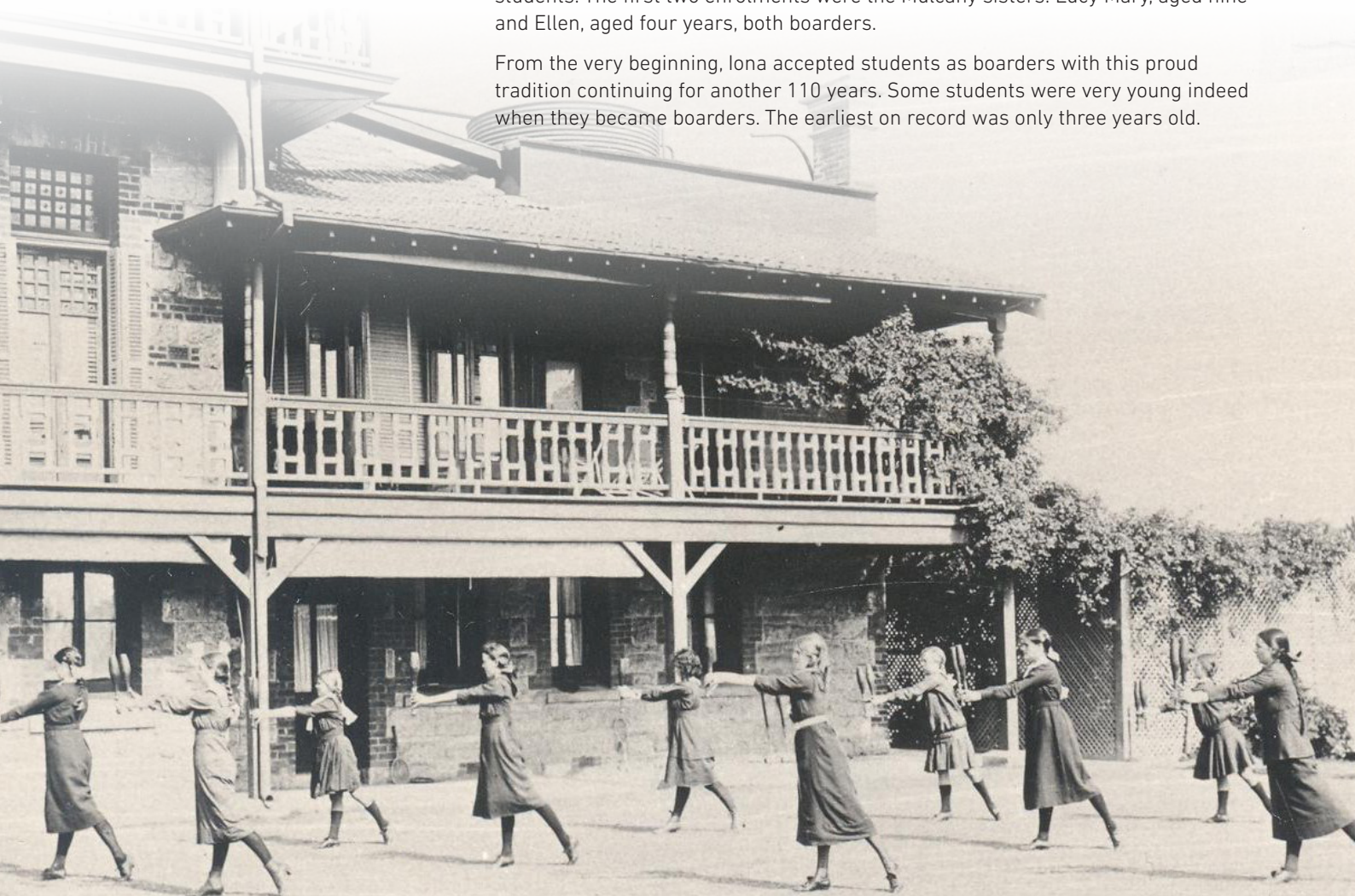
**In 2018 Iona hosted a very special ALL Boarders' Reunion, well attended by close to 450 people. Read here a snippet prepared by College Archivist, Dr Marg Pember on how Boarding at Iona all began, way back when and take a glimpse into the life of a 1950s Boarder.**

On 11 September 1907 the Presentation Sisters moved into Chateau Perseverance, Buckland Hill. The former family home, originally owned by Dr Adam Jameson was then purchased by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Matthew Gibney, for the Order of the Presentation Sisters. Its purpose, to become a convent, boarding house and school.

The house consisted of 18 rooms in the main building with additional out-houses, laundry, stable, coach-house, and fowl runs. It also had considerable vegetable gardens, a vineyard and orchard and was beautifully landscaped.

The official opening occurred on 2 February 1908 with the enrolment of the first students. The first two enrolments were the Mulcahy sisters: Lucy Mary, aged nine and Ellen, aged four years, both boarders.

From the very beginning, Iona accepted students as boarders with this proud tradition continuing for another 110 years. Some students were very young indeed when they became boarders. The earliest on record was only three years old.



The Sisters warmly welcomed boarders and inevitably, strong bonds developed between them, which continued right throughout their lives.

In 1936 the “new” boarding house, The Presentation Convent High School, was built. It operated as a boarding house, dining room and kitchen and also housed a smaller dormitory and facility for novices. Sr Carmel Ryan (1996) notes that the novices occupied the east wing and the boarders occupied the enclosed verandah. This building, the present Year 12 block, is the oldest building on the College campus.

During the 1950s, there were at least 40 girls in the Boarding House. Students slept in dormitories or on the semi-enclosed side verandah on the upper level. Curtains were used to separate the beds, providing limited privacy to what would be expected today.

The 1950s brought about a lot of changes, none more so than the introduction of London Tan into the Iona uniform. Boarders wore a pinafore and as there was little storage, the uniform was worn most of the time.

The Presentation Sisters certainly had a big influence on the girls, teaching every form class and almost-all specialist subjects. Music, singing and drama were much loved, and sport too, was a very important aspect of Iona-life. Swimming at the river along with the resident jelly-fish was even an activity relished by the boarders.

**Margaret Pember**  
*College Archivist/Historian*



## A Day in the Life of a 1950s Boarder

**6.00am** The Angelus bell was rung three times each day, 6.00am, 12.00pm and 6.00pm. The first bell woke the Boarders.

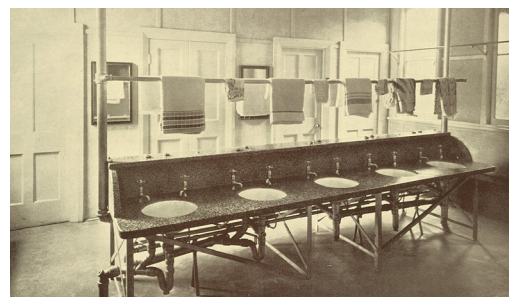
**6.15am** The Boarding House Mother rang a second small bell to get the boarders out of bed. For 17 years this was Sr Joan Evans (Sr Raymund).

**6.45am** The boarders dressed quickly and went to Mass. They then had breakfast and did their chores, such as cleaning up the dining room and tidying the boarding house. The boarders were also responsible for their own washing and helped to clean the classrooms.

**12.00pm** The Angelus Bell rang again. The main meal of the day was then prepared for the boarders at lunchtime. This was usually a main course of meat and vegetables followed by sweets.

**6.00pm** After school the usual repast was bread and jam which, like most meals were prepared by the Sisters. Then, in the evening, boarders would enjoy a simpler meal, perhaps fruit and vegetables from the garden. A milking cow was even on hand to supply milk to the Boarding House. In the evening the girls had two hours of supervised study before bed.

As a number of students lived a long way from the College they would often stay in the boarding house during holidays, only going home over the Christmas break.





# SPECIAL FEATURE

Celebrating 110 Years of Iona





## Iona Ball 2018

**Iona celebrated its 110th year in 2018 and what better way than to host a Ball.**

The inaugural ball held at Optus Stadium, 1 September 2018 was well-attended by over 420 guests, from current parents to Past Pupils and staff. The Iona Ball was an amazing Community event, celebrating everything it means to be an Ionian.

To begin the evening, a walk down memory lane, honouring the rich history and work of the Presentation

Sisters was sentimental and poignant. Then, capped off by a glittering display in the beautiful River Room, coupled with the spectacular view overlooking the glistening Swan River and the Perth City lights, was a fitting reminder of the exciting future ahead for our great school.

Little Belle provided the harmonious tunes and lively entertainment, with guests hitting the dance floor and boogying the night away to non-stop hits! There was not a person in the

room, that couldn't help but tap their toes and 'shake a tail feather', to the sensational music from Little Belle!

To view additional photos from the night, please go to the events gallery on our website:

[www.iona.wa.edu.au/view/events-photos-archive/iona-ball-2018-pics](http://www.iona.wa.edu.au/view/events-photos-archive/iona-ball-2018-pics)

So, you missed out this time? Drag out your dancing shoes, bring some bling and get the gang together ready for the next Iona Ball, it could be just around the corner.









## All Boarders' Reunion

**In addition to the Iona Ball, the College also hosted a very special Reunion, 24 November 2018, Celebrating 110 years of Boarding at Iona.**

The Reunion was a fabulous success with close to 450 people attending. From as far back as the Class of 1954, boarders travelled from overseas, interstate and regionally to attend this fabulous event.

The event provided a fantastic opportunity for all to reconnect with friends, their 'boarding family' for

whom many hadn't seen in years! To Iona, it was another really significant event in the College calendar, to the boarders, it was a family reunion- and a really emotional and memorable one at that!

We whole-heartedly thank the Presentation Sisters for whom made this is all possible and the many, many staff who contributed along the way. It was so fabulous that so many of the Sisters and former staff could also attend, making it even more special for our guests.

Current staff and students assisted in a variety of roles too, enabling the event to run smoothly and providing just another example of how united our Iona community is.

To view additional photos from the event, please go to this link on our website: [www.iona.wa.edu.au/view/past-pupils](http://www.iona.wa.edu.au/view/past-pupils)

For the occasion we assembled a collection of memories, anecdotes and stories from Boarders.

**Read here, on the following pages, some of their most distinct memories...**





### 1960s

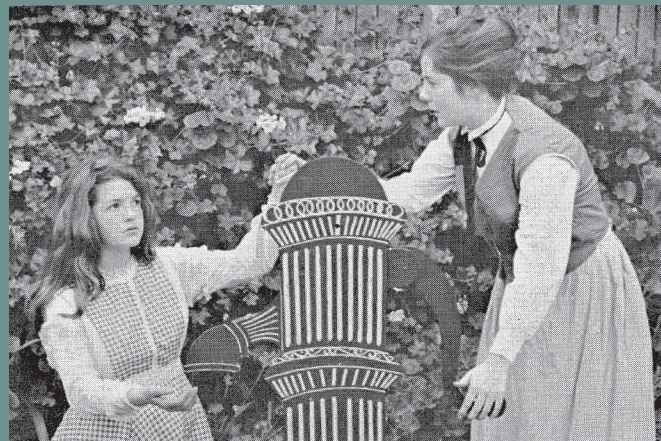
After school each day we had time to play tennis or just laze around before an hour of study time. Rosary was recited in the church before the evening meal around 6.00pm. After a further hour or so of study time we would go up to the Boarding House. Saturday evening bed times was often preceded by 'story time' where we would all gather in the big dorm and Sr Raymond would read to us. How she got us all to settle to sleep afterwards is a mystery! She was studying at UWA during those years and her light would be on until all hours of the night.

Letters to home were handed up to Sister on Sunday evening for checking. Letters from home were eagerly received as we did not have access to a phone. Some boarders had a transistor radio but there were no newspapers or TV in those days.

There were many changes during my time at Iona. A new double storey class room block was built and it featured a library, and a typing room. Many of my class studied typing and shorthand and left school after the Junior Year (Year 10). There were only five or six of us that went on to do our Leaving Exams in 1962.

**Kerry Hardwick (née Roberts)**

*Class of 1961*





## 1970s

Prior to the opening of the new Boarding House in the 70s, new Year 8s were housed in the novitiate under the chapel which consisted of a dormitory with double bunks, no wardrobes, two showers, one bath and two toilets for 32 girls. There was a roster established for showering in the morning and evening. Too bad for those who had sport in the afternoon and were therefore a bit, 'smelly', for the rest of the night. Unbeknown to the Sisters though, we did sneak in a rebel shower at night. The bath was a hot commodity and oh, such luxury! There in the bath tub, you could have the whole room to yourself and could soak undisturbed.

A storeroom, housing statues covered in sheets, provided fabulous entertainment to many a girl who would delight in scaring others. Hiding in there late at night, making eerie sounds and spooking as many as possible, was a fun way to pass the time in the Boarding House.

Chores/'charges' were a very big part of our boarding life and consisted of all you could imagine- cleaning bathrooms, sweeping the courtyard and washing dishes in plastic buckets. The most sought-after job though, was polishing the classrooms floors and, mostly unsupervised, wildly riding the polishing machines whilst doing so!

**Joanne Lancaster (née de San Miguel)**

*Class of 1978*



**1980s**

The 80s, was a time of three terms per school year in which we wore our school uniform from rising till bedtime, five days a week and for Mass on Sundays!

Breakfast was in the 'Ref' at 7.30am, dressed with our 'pinny' (pinafore) over our uniform, we said Grace before waiting for the Year 11 on our table to do the serving.

The pinny certainly came in handy as the perfect lining for plastic bags, stuffed with terrible things like spinach, swede and brussel sprouts away from the prying eyes of Sr Lucy and Sr Damien (now Maura). There would be no dessert if everything wasn't eaten and on ice-cream nights, not a drop of the two-litre ice cream container would be spared!

Being a boarder at Iona in the 1980s meant being obsessed with food! With other food highlights being cream buns on Mondays and sausage rolls on Sundays! Lockers stuffed with food after long weekends and holidays, along with tins of Milo and powdered milk which we mixed together and ate dry.

We now realise how amazing the Sisters were! Teaching us all day and watching over us all at night. It was no wonder with events like the "Great Apple Incident", when a stream of apples, previously donated by Monsignor Cunningham, was thrown to eager hands hanging from the second floor of the dormitory windows, had us all on apple peeling duties the following week!

**Donna Cooper (née Mulcahy) and friends**

*Head Boarder, Class of 1982*







## 1990s

Boarding at Iona in the 90s was a time to thrive! We made life-long friends and are still in touch today, supporting each other through good and bad times. Boarding school taught us life and social skills.

I think our whites are generally whiter, our kitchens and bedrooms cleaner and our beds are made more regularly than those of a day girl! This is thanks to the persistence of our housemothers and the kitchen staff who encouraged us for five years of living in the Boarding House to always do our chores!

As a group we got together and came up with some of our greatest collective memories:

- Walks down to the River
- Weekends out with family
- Being 'gated'
- The great phone call rush after study each night as we waited for our boyfriends to call!
- Doc Martins
- The housemothers who so generously took a bus load of boarders to Fremantle once! We made them go down the coffee strip and crank the music with all the windows open!
- Hiding stuff in the storage room so you weren't caught with it in your room
- Green mousse served after St Patrick's Day
- 'Boris' the vending machine, our saving grace! Supplying us with chips and chocolate for our movie nights
- Crowding around the TV (tiny, compared to TVs of today) to watch Saturday night movies or *Friends* on Sunday nights - the race was always on to get the best seats!

**Kristen Chiera (née Graham) and friends**  
*Class of 1996*

### 2000s

In the year 2000 as the Class of 2000, we decided to start a Boarders' Newsletter, published each term. Reading back over the newsletters today is a great reminder of all the things we used to get up to. Here is a snippet . .

*What a fantastic night full of laughs, cheers, tears and emotions! From the moment we walked into our 'transformed' common room, we were in awe at the time and effort spent by the wonderful Year 11s to change it into the 'real' Countdown TV set.*

*What a term it's been! Firstly, Orientation Day then a trip to Rottnest giving everyone the chance to get to know each other. Thanks to the recently sold Easter Eggs we now have enough money to purchase the much-awaited basketball shirts.*

*WOW! The enlargement of the dining room- what a huge difference! Now with air conditioning!*

*We've been busy painting and organising our Year 12s Common Room in Section D. Transforming the boring old storeroom into a bright Common Room, means we have somewhere to relax and sit down for a well-deserved cuppa after a hard day's work at school.*

**Amy Sims (née Kosick)**  
*Head Boarder, Class of 2000*

We had two dinner sittings then night prayers. This consisted of girls sharing very important public announcements like, 'who has my ipod?' and 'someone ate my chips'. Then it was study and lights out. Nothing could beat the weekend special though! Following Mass, girls were occasionally treated to bus rides through Perth. Music blaring and coins at the ready for a Hungry Jacks stop off.

**Rachel Steadman** *Class of 2008* and  
**Sammie Steadman** *Class of 2009*





## 2010s

There's are so many stories that come to mind when I think of my Boarding House days. I boarded from 2010-2014 and with such a small number of girls in my year, we were really close, connected to other years too, which was nice and made it feel like home.

As Year 9s we once decided to hold a bathroom sleepover! To this day, I have no idea why we thought this was a good idea, or why the housemothers let us? It was uncomfortable and freezing, but we all survived the night sleeping on the bathroom floor!

One night we came up with what we thought was a hilarious plan. Right as the lights were switched off and as we heard our housemother at the time do her nightly patrol along the hall, the whole section broke out into animal noises, all sorts of animal noises, the section sounded like a zoo. As hilarious as we all found it, needless to say, our housemother was less impressed!

One of my fondest memories from being an Iona boarder is not a specific memory, but just of the fun times my friends and I used to have, sometimes doing nothing at all!

**Brittany Smeed**  
*Class of 2014*



For many, the idea of boarding really does conjure the image of a 'home away from home'. It isn't until you've actually spent five years at the Boarding House that you realise, perhaps it really was just a home away from home!

Typically, those who have boarded will ask each other about the many changes that have occurred in the Boarding House over the years and would make comments on how different their experiences were. But for Ionians we all knew that nothing really ever changed! That's why meeting another Iona boarder feels so special, we all have so much in common, albeit from different eras, and our values are just the same.

Section B was renowned for fake phones, illegal sleepovers and of course the 'chicken run'. The chicken run was a notorious game that filled every girl with both fear and excitement. The chicken run started from the end of the section after lights out! One at a time each girl adopted a unique chicken walk towards the other end of the section finishing at the house mothers' room, just hoping not to be caught!

The last night of every year was also a thriller for mischievous behavior! To this day, I think the house mother on duty deserved double pay!

**Mary Collins**  
*Class of 2016*







# FEATURE

## We Are Family!

Established in 1907 by the Presentation Sisters, Iona is a school rich in history.

In this issue we have collected stories of families of generations, who have all been educated right here within the gates of Iona.

### Kenny, Engelke Family

My family connections with Iona goes back to the 1950s. We had a farm in Tammin and Tammin at that time, was part of the Quairading parish. Often when the priest came to say Mass, the Presentation Sisters from the Quairading convent came with him. Consequently, my mother became friendly with the nuns. In due course, when the time came for me to go to boarding school, I went to Iona. I boarded for five years (Class of 1960). There were good times, and not so good times, but I do have great memories of my time there.

In the 1960s the Tammin farm was sold, and my brother, sister and brother-in-law moved to farm in Badgingarra. I then married a Badgingarra farmer.

Five of my nieces boarded at Iona. Karen (Class of 1982) and Francine (Class of 1983) Hughan, Tanya (Class of 1984), Jane (Class of 1986) and Kate (Class of 1988) Kenny.

My two daughters were also boarders, Gina (Class of 1992) and Clare (Class of 1996) Engelke. Two granddaughters then followed Emma (Class of 2017) and Ellen (currently in Year 11) Engelke.

As a footnote- other girls from the Tammin area went to Iona about the same time. Carmel Charlton, Rita Stroppolo and Mary Mackin. Jack Mackin (Mary's father) said that the Kenny girls had done well and turned out alright, so Mary might as well go there too. Considering the contribution Sr Mary has made to Iona, it's just as well I apparently 'turned out alright'.

### Pauline Engelke (née Kenny)

*Class of 1960*

Featured Left: L-R

Jane Keefe (née Kenny), Tanya Moffat (née Kenny), Karen Hughan, Gina Halford (née Engelke), Pauline Engelke (née Kenny), Clare Engelke, Kate Tonkin (née Kenny).

## Ellis Family

The Ellis family is proud to have had a very long association with Iona.

Our family links to Iona are extensive, stretching back to 1984 when my sister and I began as day students. My sisters, Daisy (Class of 2004), Jessica (Class of 1993) and Madeline and I (both Class of 1989) all attended Iona. Our brother Tom also attended until Year 4 and his partner Matilda Toft is from the Class of 2004. My youngest daughter Lily is the most recent Ellis to commence at Iona, this year starting as a Year 7. We have been so thrilled to be so warmly welcomed back into the Iona community. My family and I are Ionians through and through.

Iona provided us all with the confidence, the foundations and the opportunities to really explore what the world has on offer. As a result, our career choices have been varied, and have enabled us all in our own way to realise personal and professional goals within our respective fields. Individually too, we strive to be pro-active members of organisations both within our industries and our communities.

Daisy specialises as an exercise physiologist in Corporate Health, Madeline is a Primary School Teacher and Jessica works in Scholarships/Student Financial Support and Management at Murdoch University. My brother Tom qualified as an Electrician and is currently involved in the Mining industry. Until relocating to Perth from the family farm in Katanning, I worked part time at South Regional TAFE as a Lecturer in Visual Arts and on the family farm.

Our family is full of Ionians! Not only are there my sisters, my brother and I, but an assortment of cousins, aunties and extended family members.

So, from the Ellis family, to the Richardsons, Barnetts, Allans, Giambazis, Scotts, McNees, McKinnons, O'Learys, Tierneys, Halls, Hoopers & Marwicks, our family has links to Iona spanning generations, and layers and layers of family!

Our family includes over 50 cousins who all have great memories of an Iona education. We are thrilled to have had such a long association with Iona and hope that this family tradition continues for years to come.

**Jane Mary Richardson (née Ellis)**  
*Class of 1989*



Featured here: L-R  
Jessica Ellis, Jane-Mary Richardson (née Ellis),  
Daisy Ellis, Gerry Ellis, Madeline Ellis.







## Simich Family

My life with Iona Presentation College spanning over 41 years started in 1977 when I started Year 1 on the College campus. My parents wanted a Catholic school which would build on the religious upbringing and values already instilled at home, as well as a school which would enable their three daughters to be together. Being a child of Croatian migrants, my sisters and I all started Year 1 speaking very little English. I was very fortunate to have Miss Vidulich as my Year 1 teacher who was able to speak to me in Croatian and translate for me when needed. I would never have imagined that 25 years later my first-born daughter would end up with the same Year 1 teacher!

I have four daughters who have all followed in my footsteps, but instead starting Iona in Kindy. This year, with the College's 110-year anniversary, marks a special milestone for both the College and my family, where there is a 'beginning and an end'. My youngest daughter, Alesija, started Year 1 and my third daughter, Sienna, finished Year 12. For Iona, it's the school's beginning with the re-amalgamation with the Junior School and an end to running as two separate entities. I started at the school while it was 'one', saw the change to running separately, and now have witnessed the re-amalgamation...full circle since I started there in 1977. It was also my 30th Reunion this year, and it just doesn't seem possible that it has been 30 years since I graduated in 1988!



Featured Here: (L-R)  
Sienna Simich, Melinda Simich (née Greget),  
Alesija Kennington, Tijana Simich, Adela Simich  
Photography credit: Veljko Greget





### So where are we now?

After graduating from Iona, I completed a Bachelor of Arts (majoring in French and Italian), Bachelor of Education and Master of Education at the University of Western Australia. I taught languages in the Public School system for five years and then became a 'stay at home Mum' until my third daughter started Kindy. Working full-time since then, I slowly moved into Career Education and Vocational Education and Training and am currently the VET and Workplace Learning Manager at Baldviss Secondary College.

Tijana graduated in 2013 and followed her passion in Performing Arts at Murdoch University, where she recently completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre and Drama, with a minor in Literature. Through drama classes in Year 10, this very shy young student found a talent and was given many opportunities to perform on stage in singing, dancing and acting. She also had the honour of becoming the Performing Arts Captain in Year 12. Tijana is still very passionate about the performing arts and regularly plays a part in various shows. She was President of Murdoch Theatre Company in 2017.

Adela graduated from Iona in 2015, and has just completed a Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in Cognitive Neuroscience and Health Psychology with a minor in Sport Psychology at Murdoch University. She will pursue her studies further with Honours in 2019, then either seek employment where she feels very passionate about helping others, or study further.

Sienna has just graduated from Iona this year, and plans to study nursing and further specialise as a Paramedic. Having been in hospital many times in her life with her own medical issues, Sienna would like to give back and help others.

Starting Year 1 this year, Alesija was able to wear the first Iona uniform and hat which all her big sisters wore before her. Never being able to quite part with the cute little blue dress, it came in quite handy when she started Year 1. Having just completed the year, in 11 more years I can't wait to see Alesija graduate from Iona just like her sisters.

Choosing Iona for my daughters was not something I had to think about. I sent them to Iona for the same reasons my parents sent my sisters and me. Being practising Catholics, I valued the partnership between Iona and my family and entrusted the care of my daughters to Iona. I knew my girls would receive the best education, as well as a plethora of opportunities to be the best they could be, in a Catholic upbringing.

I feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to not only be an Ionian myself, but to have been able to give my four daughters the same privilege. Iona is like an extended family to us, where the community spirit lives long with us well after graduating at the end of Year 12. Iona has not just given my daughters and me a first-class education academically, but also an education which instils good values, the importance of 'giving back' and provides opportunities to develop as well-rounded individuals.

After 41 years with more to follow, I can honestly testify that Ionians, really do make a difference.

**Melinda Simich (née Greget)**  
*Class of 1988*









## Past Pupils Giving Back

**Past Pupils continue to support Iona in a range of different ways and this support is always warmly welcomed.**

**Have you ever thought about giving back?**

**There are a range of ways in which you can...**

### COACH

Do you have a passion for a particular sport? Perhaps you have skills that you would like to impart with our students. Can your particular skills help Iona to achieve greatness? Please contact Director of Sport, Janene Walton, [janene.walton@iona.wa.edu.au](mailto:janene.walton@iona.wa.edu.au) if you'd like to help.

### TUTOR

Would you like to help our students fully achieve their potential? Exam time, can be tough and the experience of having gone through it all yourself is a wisdom that is truly treasured. If you are interested in tutoring students after hours, please contact Head of iCentre, Louise Moreton, [louise.moreton@iona.wa.edu.au](mailto:louise.moreton@iona.wa.edu.au) our students would love your help.

### MENTOR

Our Mentoring Program will soon commence. We aim for this to be a program designed to assist current Senior students as well as make connections from Past Pupil to Past Pupil. Please look out for more information as it comes to hand. In the meantime, if you'd like to include your name as a Mentor or Mentee, please contact Georgia Allen, [georgia.allen@iona.wa.edu.au](mailto:georgia.allen@iona.wa.edu.au)

### GUEST SPEAKER

Do you have a story that you'd like to share with our students? Perhaps an interesting work history that has made you an expert in your field or a life journey that could inspire our students to become resilient, life-long learners. If you are interested in being a Guest Speaker at the College, please contact Georgia Allen, [georgia.allen@iona.wa.edu.au](mailto:georgia.allen@iona.wa.edu.au)

**Read on the next few pages how three Past Pupils participated in a Guest Speaking Role at Presentation Night 2018 . . .**



At the 2018 Presentation Night guests heard from three extraordinary Past Pupils. Together they 'shared a couch' with Mr Hibble and told their stories, offered their advice and acknowledged the amazing start Iona gave them in life.







## VICTORIA LOUGHNAN (CLASS OF 2006)

Victoria was Deputy Head Girl of Iona in 2006 and went on to attain a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts at UWA. After an 18-month clerkship with multinational law firm Clifford Chance, she made the decision to explore a career beyond the legal fraternity, working in athlete representation and public relations. Victoria joined Crown Perth in 2014, where she now heads up the Public Relations unit.

### *'How did Iona prepare you for life beyond school?'*

My journey since Iona has been far more convoluted than I ever thought it would be when I was sitting here at Presentation Night as a Year 12 student. It has really only been in the last 18 months or so – a good decade after graduating from Iona – that I have been able to start making sense of it all and connecting the dots.

I've become a really firm believer that everything in our life – every person, every relationship, every teacher, every setback – everything happens for a reason and everything is in its right place. I now jump out of bed each morning feeling invigorated by my job – so I can now enjoy looking back and making the connections – seeing how each moment, each setback, each relationship... has led me to where I am today. For a long time there, this was really difficult, frustrating, disheartening and at times immensely disappointing. This is exactly what Iona prepared me for – Iona built in me the resilience, courage and determination to withstand those periods of uncertainty, to prevail over the setbacks and moments of weakness – and to refuse to settle for anything less than the dream of a fulfilling and rewarding career that I love.

There are so many tangible things that you need from your secondary education; you need the ATAR score to get into university or the stellar report card and work experience to get into your preferred TAFE course. You need the references from your teachers, the roadmap of where you are going and how you will get there – and Iona gave me those things in spades; but for me it has always been about the intangible things – the rich character, the resilience, the standards of integrity and drive – the preparedness for the unknown and the courage to be brave enough to turn the page and start again if things don't go exactly to plan – these are the things I am most proud of and these are the things that I will forever remain indebted to the College for.

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### LAUREN GIUDICATTI (CLASS OF 2007)

Lauren graduated from Iona as Dux of the College in 2007 and went on to complete a six-year Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery at UWA, with Honours. Since then, she has worked primarily at Royal Perth and Fiona Stanley hospitals and is now undertaking training to become a cardiologist. Lauren has an interest in adult congenital heart disease and hopes to work in rural Western Australia.

*'Schools often talk about providing a rounded education for their students. How successful was Iona at doing that in your case?'*

I definitely feel as if Iona provided me with the opportunity to achieve a very well-rounded education. Academically the quality of teaching was high and I had the benefit of passionate teachers who were dedicated to their subject matter and who always encouraged me to achieve my full potential. Ultimately, Iona prepared me well for my final exams and facilitated me in getting into my desired career pathway in Medicine and finding my vocation. Spiritually, Iona instilled in me a strong sense of community and faith. There was a great focus on charity and helping those less fortunate. I remember fondly my involvement in the Vision Generation Group and raising funds for the 40-hour famine. There were plenty of opportunities at Iona to be involved in Co-curricular activities and focus was placed on fostering skills outside the classroom which I think, is really important! Some of the highlights of my school days were participating in interschool basketball, the inaugural soccer team, debating and cooking classes outside of school overall, providing me with a balanced education, values and skills which I still carry with me today.

### LUCY DAVIDSON (CLASS OF 2012)

Lucy was Head Girl of Iona in 2012, graduating with an impressive prize list that included Dux of the College and Christian Leader. She spent a few years studying Italian at UWA before doing lots of travelling. Lucy is now studying Medicine, also at UWA, and has spent this year exploring the Kimberley and studying with the Rural Clinical School in Broome.

*'When you were in Year 10, you went on an immersion experience to the Kiwirrkurra Aboriginal Community. How does this sort of experience influence students' lives?'*

I'm currently studying Medicine and this year I've been studying in Broome with the Rural Clinical School. The initial reason I was interested in going to Broome to learn more about Aboriginal health was inspired by my Year 10 trip to the remote Aboriginal community of Kiwirrkurra.

Kiwirrkurra is the most remote community in Australia and is situated in the middle of the Gibson Desert. Together, a small group of Year 10s, two brave teachers and I all flew to Alice Springs and then drove 700km back across the border of WA, to Kiwirrkurra.

A number of memorable things happened along this trip! A near-stranding in the desert because of a slightly incorrect hand-drawn map, a 'close-to' lack of fuel situation and a trailer breaking in half on the way home! But overall, we had an awesome time! We spent time in the school playing music and sport and the Pintubi people were excellent hosts. They took us out bush to Lake Mackay where we cooked up kangaroo tails, chased goannas and learned more about their history and culture. The experience opened my eyes to the cultural diversity we have in Australia and its associated challenges thus inspiring me to work in remote health. It was also a very good lesson in packing a spare jerry can and getting reliable trailers and maps- which has served me well this year!









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## Class of 1998

**On 10 November 2018, Iona hosted a 20-year reunion for the Class of '98. It was great to see such a fantastic group of girls together again. Around 40 of the year group were there, a great turnout considering the 20 intervening years.**

It seemed like nothing had really changed, other than, like all good things in life, we have undoubtedly improved with age. The fact that after 20 years, we could just pick up where we left off, was proof of the close ties that were built over the years at Iona. It was a particular pleasure to spend time with girls who were not close friends at school, and discover as an adult what lovely and interesting people they are.

People’s journeys have taken wide and varied paths, with both the joys and the hardships that life brings to us all at different times and in different ways. The reunion was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with people who will forever be part of our personal histories and formative years of life.

On behalf of the Class of '98, I would like to thank Iona for hosting the reunion. In particular Anne Pitos for her support and Georgia Allen for her efforts in organising the event. I'd like to also thank Mr Hibble and Sr Mary for attending. It was such a pleasure to meet again. I thank also the Boarding house staff for the catering, and the Iona students for helping on the day and providing beautiful music.

**Marianne Pereira Gale**  
*Class of 1998*







## Class of 1978

**Q: What do you call a room full of fantastic 57 year-old women laughing, chatting and hardly coming up for air?**

**A: The class of '78 Iona Reunion!**

What a great time we had in late August 2018 catching up and rekindling many friendships. Although some of us hadn't seen one another in 40 years it made no difference to the camaraderie and familiarity we all felt.

Some of the girls put in such a great effort, travelling far and wide for the day and I know the celebrations continued well into the night! Indeed, there have been plenty of post reunion catch-ups with good old friends continuing to reconnect.

Another highlight of the day was chatting with the Sisters who came in to say hello. They seemed to remember us all and it was really interesting to hear of their accomplishments over the last 40 years.

On behalf of the Class of 1978 we thank Mrs Anne Pitso and the Community Relations and Development Team for organising the event.

Great friendships forged from a great school.

**Steph Cresp (née Lowe)**

*Class of 1978*









## Welcome Class of 1968

On behalf of all the Golden Girls and in particular the Class of 1968, we would like to acknowledge how special was our 50th Golden Reunion.

Everything was organised so perfectly, starting as we arrived to park our cars, and having students welcome us with lovely smiles and escorting all guests to the morning tea.

The Mass was spectacular, with the most angelic choir and liturgical dancers. We were then presented with our gold pins, so impressed and proud to be Ionians.

The speech made by College Principal, Anne Pitso in Corpus Christi Church, was inclusive of all those who had helped to make this day so special.

Prepared by the Boarding House Chef and team, the lunch was delicious with such variety. We all appreciated the cake and champagne, which was such a nice way to finish the luncheon.

I was so pleased to have been asked to say a few words prior to lunch to acknowledge the hard work of so many and highlighting many of my great memories. I used this as an opportunity to thank Anne, the wonderful Presentation Sisters, and the Community Relations and Development team for organising a wonderful Golden Girls' Reunion.

Everyone was thrilled to meet up with those from our class, but sad so few from the Class of 1968 were present. So, we have made it our collective goal to spend some time tracking down more Past Pupils from our class for our next get together, 13 September 2019.

Well done to all on organising such an outstanding event!

**Penelope Butler (née Williamson)**

*Class of 1968*











## VANESSA CLARKE (née Cash)

Congratulations to Past Pupil (Class of 2001) and staff member, Vanessa Clarke (née Cash) and her husband, David on the arrival of the beautiful Poppie May Clarke. Born 5 October 2018.

All are doing well, despite some very sleepless and restless nights. Another future Ionian here!



## HANNAH GIRLING

Hannah Girling (Class of 2010) was recently featured in a segment on the 7.30 program on the ABC. The segment focused on the current shortage of teachers, how passionate teachers can make a huge difference to a child's education and asked the question, 'do you have a teacher that inspired you?'

Hannah commended her own teachers for encouraging her to believe that teaching could one day be an option for her.

On behalf of all at Iona Presentation College, we'd like to congratulate Hannah on the wonderful work she is doing as a teacher. Her drive to instill a passion and a love of learning in her students is so admirable. We wish her all the best in her future career.



## ALANAH MARATOS (née Ambrogio)

Welcome to the world, Charlotte Mary Maratos! Charlotte, born to Past Pupil, Alanah Maratos (Class of 2006) and her husband Darren, came into the world at 11:10am on Wednesday 30 May 2018 weighing in at 3.148kg.

Mum and Dad are thoroughly besotted with their divine little girl and are enjoying the many cuddles and smiles!





## REBECCA COLLETT

We are thrilled to announce that Rebecca Collett was a finalist in the City of Bayswater Art Awards. Rebecca also exhibited her work in the Galvanise Exhibition at the Old Customs House, Fremantle from December 2018 to January 2019.

Rebecca's work is exquisite, exploring the theme of 'nature' in all its fierce

beauty.

In her own words, 'I bring the outside in, I merge nature, locations, emotions and sensations on canvas, predominantly with acrylic paints and palette knives. Capturing a moment, the feelings evoked and the wind on your face, I want to remind you of a special time

you've experienced in nature. That is why in my paintings I don't give you all the details, just enough for you to see your own story, journey or memory. A little bit abstract, a touch of impressionism and a dollop of expressionism.'

To view more of Rebecca's work please go to [www.rebeccacollett.com](http://www.rebeccacollett.com)



## IGSSA GOLF TEAM SUCCESS

Congratulations to the IPPA Golf Team who, in 2018 brought home first place at the combined Independent Girls' Schools (CIGS) Golf Day at Royal Perth Golf Club. The team, comprised of Kerry Robinson (née Peters), Jacquie Stade (née Hope), Anna Elliott (née Churchill), Lyn Neacy (née Birrell), Dale Carr (née Newland), Jill Dawson (née Noonan), and Cheryl Dearlove (née Doyle) and June Anderson (née Hatton) were absolutely thrilled with their win.

The team is always on the look-out for new members. So, if you have an interest in Golf, please let Georgia Allen know, [georgia.allen@iona.wa.edu.au](mailto:georgia.allen@iona.wa.edu.au)



*in loving memory*

## Sr Immaculata Crocetti

**18 July 1924 - 21 November 2018**

Born in Penne, Italy, Sr Immaculata came to Australia at the age of 10. Sr Immaculata spent most of her religious life using her gifts and talents in the field of Catholic Education as a Primary School teacher and Principal spending almost forty years teaching in both city and country schools; St Thomas' Claremont, Sacred Heart Beverley, Our Lady Help of Christians Wyalkatchem, St Mary's Bruce Rock, St Augustine's Rivervale, Mandurah Catholic Primary School, St Francis Xavier Quairading, and Notre Dame Cloverdale, where she was Principal for twelve years.

Sr Immaculata was also a talented cook and had "green fingers" in the garden.

Sr Immaculata will be greatly missed by all who knew her.



## Sr Raphael Porter

**18 November 1935 - 1 October 2018**

Sr Raphael was a very quiet, gentle soul, determined to protect her privacy and always ready to help others when in active ministry and in 'retirement'. She was a deeply committed Presentation Sister who served as a teacher for 50 years in the field of Catholic Primary Education.

Sr Raphael ministered in the Dioceses of Perth, Geraldton and Bunbury mainly in such places as Beverley, Boyup Brook, Brunswick Junction, Bruce Rock, Collie, Geraldton (Principal), Goomalling, Rivervale (Principal) and Iona Presentation Primary School (1977-1983).

She will be missed and kept forever in our hearts.



## We really should catch up...

### 2019 UPCOMING REUNIONS

(Dates correct at time of print)

#### 13 YEAR BREAKFAST

(CLASS OF 2018)

13 February 2019, 7.30am - 8.45am

#### 5 YEAR REUNION

(CLASS OF 2014)

16 February 2019, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

#### 10 YEAR REUNION

(CLASS OF 2009)

9 March 2019, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

#### 25 YEAR REUNION

(CLASS OF 1994)

6 April 2019, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

#### 30 YEAR REUNION

(CLASS OF 1989)

18 May 2019, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

#### 40 YEAR REUNION

(CLASS OF 1979)

10 August 2019, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

#### GOLDEN GIRLS MASS AND REUNION

(CLASS OF 1969 AND PRIOR)

13 September 2019, 10.00am - 2.00pm

#### 20 YEAR REUNION

(CLASS OF 1999)

16 November 2019, 4.00pm - 6.00pm

For further information regarding these Reunions, or to update your details, please contact Georgia Allen, [georgia.allen@iona.wa.edu.au](mailto:georgia.allen@iona.wa.edu.au)

Keep up to date with Reunion news, visit our website: [www.iona.wa.edu.au](http://www.iona.wa.edu.au) and follow us on Facebook.



## Meet the new Chair of IPPA: Jane-Mary Richardson

As Chair of the Iona Past Pupils Association (IPPA), I feel highly confident and optimistic about the future of the College. We look forward to strengthening the Past Pupil community and formalising this network within the College community. We envisage an active support and mentoring network for past and current pupils.

If you have some suggestions for us, please feel free to email ([jane\\_maryr@hotmail.com](mailto:jane_maryr@hotmail.com) & include "IPPA" in the subject heading).

**Jane-Mary Richardson (née Ellis)**

*Class of 1989*

*IPPA Chair*





## IGSSA WATER POLO WRAP

Iona's success in Water Polo continued in 2018, when the Senior Teams played in the IGSSA Water Polo Lightning Carnival at HBF Stadium and took out the top spot!

Featuring three state players, Luci Marsh (11 Columba), Pip Pedley (11 Columba) and Stella Watson (10 Columba) our A Team remained undefeated.

Star players aside, ALL players rose to the occasion and performed very well as a team. The girls worked together and displayed excellent sportsmanship. Moving comfortably through the pool, the girls took on Santa Maria in the Semi-Final and then went on to play St Mary's in the Grand Final taking out the pennant with a 10-3 win. As always, it was great to have the support of the CLT and parents who came along to support our girls.

The B Team, coached by Past Pupils, Lizzie Hughes and Claudia Churack (both Class of 2017) also played hard throughout the five matches placing 5th. The girls worked tirelessly all day in some incredibly tough matches with superb leadership from their goalie, Emily Hussey (11 Moynihan).



## ORIGIN OF AN IDEA

**Young Year 6 inventor, Olive Forbes, had a dream come true when she was named as a finalist in the 2018 Origins littleBIGidea competition.**

Olive was the only student in WA to be named as one of 11 top inventors in Australia for her invention of a pollution solution compost bin. Her design is aimed at reducing plastic pollution through the use of wax moth larvae to help break down plastic.

Her prototype features a home-based humidity-controlled glass dome where wax worms can breed, eat and live safely. The liquid waste produced by her invention will be used as fertiliser when diluted.

Olive says, 'I did this project on plastic and started researching about the horrible effects it has on the environment and came across wax worms. If we had these wax worms in our houses to break down some of the 1.25 billions tonnes of plastic we produce every year, it could save the world and so I invented a home-based wax worm compost bin.'

Olive has a one in four chance of being crowned one of Origin's littleBIGidea national winners, which would win her a trip to NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in the US.

## GRANDPARENTS' DAY

It was truly a joy to see so many Grandparents attend the Grandparents' Morning Tea at the Junior School in November 2018.

Year 2 students, together with our junior string ensemble, the Suzuki Strings entertained our special guests after a guided tour of their grandchild's classrooms. A sumptuous morning tea then followed, shared together in the light of another beautiful Mosman Park morning on our splendid Junior School campus.

We thank whole-heartedly our Iona grandparents who really do have the most positive impact on our students, their grandchildren. They are a wonderful component to the wider Iona community, providing much needed support, guidance and love. The unconditional love that only a grandparent can provide.

It was a lovely day had by all.







## CLASS OF 2018, GIFT TO THE KAI EARDLEY FUND

**Students at Iona Presentation College have a good understanding of a positive frame of mind. Their health and wellbeing is very important to the College community, as they are encouraged to embrace challenges, respond with resilience and ask for help when needed.**

Knowing how important it is to have a healthy headspace, the graduating Class of 2018 announced that their parting 'Gift to the School' would be a substantial donation to The Kai Eardley Fund.

"Every year the Year 12 students decide on a gift for the school, a final thank

you to Iona for all they have done for us," said Anna Harris, 2018 Head Girl.

"This year, we chose to donate to The Kai Eardley Fund because Youth Mental Health is an issue our year group have all been affected by in one way or another and we believe it is a cause the entire Iona community is very passionate about."

"We hope our donation can make a difference by helping to fund peer-based programs that will encourage youth to openly discuss mental health, and develop skills to navigate their own mental health throughout their life."

The aim of The Kai Eardley Fund [The Fremantle Foundation] is to create positive change for the mental health of youth and to honour the life of Kai Eardley. Kai, a 20-year-old East Fremantle boy, ended his life in July 2016 after struggling with anxiety and depression. He is also the younger brother of Iona teacher Mr Cameron Eardley.

To find out more about The Kai Eardley Fund visit <http://kai-fella.com.au>



### Mary-Rose Callaghan

Mary-Rose commenced her teaching life at Iona in 1983, planning to stay just a few years, but in her own words, 'time has flown so quickly, and 36 years later, I am still here!'

From teaching lower school HASS, History at a Year 12 level, English up to Year 10 and RE from Years 7-12, her teaching experiences have been diverse and enjoyable.

To Mary-Rose, the warm and friendly staff have been the best aspect of working at Iona- the fact that staff mix and collaborate well across all learning areas, has been really pleasing.

Mary-Rose has particularly enjoyed working with the Presentation Sisters, especially Sisters Mary and Flora, 'the special gifts they bring to the College and the assistance they always provide' has been invaluable.

In the 36 years Mary-Rose has been a teacher at Iona, she has witnessed many changes. When she first arrived, the College was small enough for the whole school to squeeze into Nagle Hall for an Assembly! 'My children were in Primary School when I first arrived and now, they are adults with children of their own. I am lucky to be the proud grandmother to three beautiful grandchildren.'

Mary-Rose looks forward to slowing down a little and spending more time with her husband, Gerard and their family. Travel might also be the order of the day for Mary-Rose, but don't travel too far- be sure to come back and visit when you can.

We will miss you.



### Sr Flora Ricupero

Initially, Sr Flora's role was as Home-School Liaison along with helping students prepare for their sacraments and teaching Religious Education and intensive English classes.

"As a 'country girl' from Geraldton, I thoroughly enjoyed working in country schools, so too my years on the Motor Mission in the wheat-belt."

To Sr Flora, her years at Iona have been an ongoing adventure! Her journey has seen her teach a myriad of classes, drive a bus, attend and assist in the coordination of boarders' worship and camps – including the annual or bi-annual family camp weekends to Forest Edge for Boarding and Day Families, from 1991-2002.

In the 1990s, parents were invited to attend the course, "Understanding Your Adolescent" facilitated by Sr Flora, which helped to bring together the parent community and welcome input from an array of guest speakers. In more recent years Sr Flora has assisted in the preparation of Masses and liturgies and supported the teaching staff in a relief capacity.

To Sr Flora, 'seeing the girls arrive at Year 12 seemingly so soon after Year 7' has always been a surprise to her. The atmosphere and spirit, that is so vibrantly and joyfully alive in the Iona family, has been what she has valued the most.

Sr Flora's warmth, friendliness, genuine interest in the well-being of students and staff, coupled with her innate caring nature and gentleness has made all those who had the privilege of working with her, such a joy.

We wish you all the best Sr Flora, in all that you do.





### Michael Rebeiro

Michael Rebeiro has retired after teaching for the past 10 years at Iona and overall for a staggering 44 years in Catholic Education.

In his rich and extensive career Michael has taught in the areas of Science, Maths, IT, Aeronautics and Music.

Very popular with the students, Michael says that 'I have enjoyed every year in every school! However, my two favourite schools were Trinity, where I taught for 10 years and – winning by a nose, Iona, also for 10 years. By far, the absolute nicest students in the world are at Iona!'

Michael says that he will 'really, really miss walking into class and teaching'. To him, learning and teaching are hard work, so its absolutely imperative that some fun is had along the way.

And his parting words, 'I hope many of you have had some fun in Science and that you have realised that Science, especially Physics and Chemistry, is everywhere – if you only know where to look.'

Drive safe into the future, we wish you well.



### Tom Brajdic

Tom has worked at Iona for the last 8 years as Director of ICT.

Tom is an expert in his field, with an extensive knowledge of information technology. His willingness to equip staff with up to date skills and the tools to operate in a 21st century teaching and learning environment has been invaluable during his tenure at Iona.

Tom credits his time at Iona to the wonderfully caring community and particularly to the amazing talents of both students and staff.

'I find Ionians to be truly inspirational. I never cease to be amazed by their confidence, hard work ethic and the manner in which they conduct themselves to the College and the broader community.'

Thank you Tom for all your years of service and dedication.

We wish you well in your future endeavours.



### Adele Lochrenberg

Adele commenced work at Iona in 2010.

In her role she worked as a dining room attendant in the Boarding House ably assisting students with evening meals and cleaning.

Adele has been superbly efficient and thorough with all of her tasks, maintaining an exceptionally high standard of cleanliness and hygiene. The way she has so swiftly cleaned and maintained the Staff Community room has been appreciated by all staff.

The Boarding House Kitchen has also enjoyed the benefits of her efficiency assisting with food preparation especially with theme dinner nights each term.

Adele, thank you for the lovely chats and friendship, we will miss you.



### Alzira De Britto

Originating from the beautiful island of Madeira in Portugal, Alzira began her work as a cleaner and a kitchen hand in the Boarding House after her two daughters were both students of Iona. In total Alzira has been a staff member of Iona for 19 years.

Alzira states that she has 'thoroughly enjoyed working in the Boarding House, particularly with the girls, who are all so special to me! The smells wafting out from Di's kitchen have been spectacular.'

Alzira now plans to spend more time with her beautiful grandchildren, who are such a joy to be around!

We have certainly treasured your hard work, perseverance and can-do attitude Alzira. We wish you all the best in your future.





## Iona Classic

In 2018 the Iona Parent Council, with particular thanks to Junior School Parent, Mr John Walsh, organised the inaugural Iona Classic Golf Day, Mosman Park Golf Club.

The event was a great success and was well attended by close to 30 Iona parents and staff.

The Iona Classic is set to become a coveted event with all vying for the top spot.

This year however, the winners were,

- 1st Paul King, Graham Hogg & Taylor Pervan
- 2nd Richard Wyatt, Damian Drake-Brockman & John Walsh
- 3rd Annemarie Wyatt, Nikk Wright & Steve Young

Congratulations to all of the entrants. We now look forward to the Iona Classic 2019 and may the best team win!

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The Presentation Sisters, who have given so much to each of us, have been for more than one hundred years a living example of generosity within our community. It is this spirit of giving passed on to generations of students that resounds most prominently with our graduates and stays with Ionians long after they have left the College gates for the last time.

Through our Annual Giving Program, we invite you to contribute to the education of future Ionians by supporting one of our future funds; Building, Library or Scholarships. These funds, allow the growth of Iona beyond what can be supported solely by fee income. All donations through this Annual Giving Program are tax deductible.

Your contribution, whatever the size, will help continue the Iona tradition of providing an education that will empower our students to be discerning, self-reliant, technologically savvy leaders who are able to make positive contributions to the lives of others.

To make a contribution, please visit our website:  
<https://www.iona.wa.edu.au/view/our-community/annual-giving>

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## Donors

Iona Presentation College would sincerely like to thank the following families who have generously donated in 2018.

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As well as our many anonymous donors.

Thank you kindly for your support.

## Scholarship Fund- Nano Nagle Bursaries

Nano Nagle has inspired generations to reach out to those who are less fortunate and this continues to be an essential part of our vision for Iona. By continuing this legacy and supporting Iona in the form of a financial donation to our Scholarship Fund, you can assist us to provide an Iona education to a student that might otherwise not be in a position to receive it.

## Building Fund- Nagle Hall Refurbishment

The Iona campus, founded more than one hundred years ago has grown beyond imagining and in coming years, there is much to do to improve Iona's facilities in line with our Capital Development Plan.

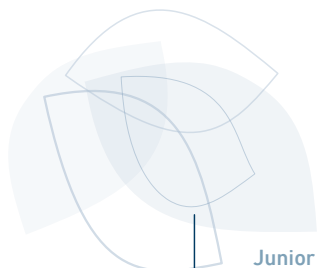
With your generosity, we hope to refurbish and transform Nagle Hall into a multipurpose performance and teaching space for future Ionians.

## Library- iCentre Resources

The Library or iCentre as its known, is a vital resource centre and learning space designed to provide a technologically rich environment for our students .

Your donation to our Library Fund will help provide resources to ensure Ionians will continue to graduate with a well-rounded education, confident to embrace technological opportunities well into the future.





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