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From the Editor

In 2010, Iona Presentation College focused on one of our six core values: Community. College Leaders encouraged us to celebrate and promote the strong sense of belonging intrinsic to Iona.

Our community is diverse and extends beyond those who come to the campus every day. Amongst the vital pieces of the puzzle are the past pupils who have each contributed to the rich history of the College.

One of our favourite things in the Community Relations and Development Office is the contact we have with past pupils. Whether it be your attendance at reunions or your emails and phone calls letting us know what you have been up to – we are grateful for your contact and hope that you continue to feel a connection to Iona well into the future.

Sincere thanks to the many staff, students, past pupils, Presentation Sisters and parents who contributed to this edition. We welcome your feedback and especially any news that you would be willing to share in the next edition, at espritdecorps@iona.wa.edu.au

Rachel Munro



T.S. Eliot wrote:

“What life have
you if you have not
life together?

There is no life that is not
in community,

And no community
not lived in praise
of God.”



Iona is
a community

comprised of many
sub-communities. As you turn the
pages of our summer edition of *esprit
de corps*, you will read the stories that
connect us as members of the Iona
family, be it Presentation Sisters,
parents, current and past students,
staff and friends of Iona.

According to the psychologist and
author, best known for his book, *The
Road Less Travelled*, and others

including *The Different Drum:
Community Making and Peace*
(Simon & Shuster, 1987),
M. Scott Peck; “a true
community is one where deep
respect and true listening to
the needs of others occur.”

This ideal, Peck believes,
reflects a deep yearning in
every human soul for
compassionate understanding
from one’s companions on the
pilgrimage of life. How does Iona
incorporate opportunities to embody
“compassionate understanding”, a
key Gospel and Presentation value, in
contemporary times?

The following written snapshots shine
a prism of sorts on the inter-connected
fabric of Ionian communal life in the
21st century:

- God-centred community; Our long
standing celebration of the
Eucharist each Thursday lunchtime
(since 1977) creates community as
well as expresses it. Many Iona
Past Pupils Association (IPPA)
members have found solace and
support from struggles or sorrows
in their lives by returning to this
Mass. Providence and prayer have
been the corner-stone of Presentation

life at Iona for 103 years, as has the sacrificial weekly mission money collection for the needy.

- Inclusive community
 - Learning of co-curricular activities – service, sport and culture amplify personal growth and create a ripple effect in the broader civic society.
- Commitment and hard work
 - Study – essential for self-discipline and part of the quest for excellence. Rigour is vital in a competitive world. “Always give one’s best effort” has been a long-time directive, along with “aim high”.
- Support and guidance – this is available from all at Iona including:
 - Heads of Year
 - Pastoral Care teachers (also known as Form teachers)
 - College Counsellors
 - Career and Enterprise Coordinator
 - Heads of Learning Areas
 - Subject / course teaching staff
 - Religious Education teachers
 - PBVM Sisters



Anne Pitos with Amelia Bogunovich at the 2010 Presentation Night.

- Time to get to know each other
 - Pastoral Care time
 - Variety of camp experiences
 - Belonging to co-curricular outreach groups
 - Reflection days
 - Festival and celebration days, including St Patrick’s Day; Interhouse competitions; Presentation Night; Year 12 Farewell Day.
- The “ties that bind” – Presentation threads of history – are woven into everyday life. The spirit of joy and happiness that is pervasive in a school steeped in faith, hope and

charity are neatly caught in the refrain of Carey Landry’s *Companions on the Journey*:

*“We are companions on the journey,
Breaking bread and sharing life;
And in the love we bear is the hope
we share,
For we believe in the love of our God.
We believe in the love of our God.”*

Enjoy *esprit de corps*. May the peace and joy of Christ reign in your hearts and homes this Christmastide.

Anne Pitos
Principal

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THE SPIRIT OF THE BOARDING HOUSE

Top: Year 9s of 1956. **Bottom:** Iona girls of 1958.
Photos donated by Jacqueline Stade (Hope 1959)



Boarders of the past often experience feelings of nostalgia when reminiscing about their time at Iona. Although many young girls enter the Boarding House with fear and nerves, they leave as confident young women with a real appreciation and love for their “home away from home”.

Laurette Johnson (Harvey) started boarding at Iona in 1949 at the mere age of eleven, when the College was referred to as “Iona Presentation Convent”. Originally from Kalgoorlie, Laurette was nervous about starting at a new school so far away from her home. Laurette was taken under the wings of Mother Margaret Mary, who helped her acclimatise to her new situation. It was not long before Laurette began to love boarding at Iona and she now speaks very fondly of her time at the College.

Sister Mary Mackin shared the same initial fear before starting her boarding journey at Iona. Sister Mary was meant to begin at Iona in 1962 but did not make it to the Boarding House until 1963, as she was very worried about feelings of homesickness. She knew the opportunities on offer were like no other, so decided to be brave and moved to Perth to begin her time at Iona in Year 9.

Now very grateful for that wise decision made as a young girl, Sister Mary received the broad education she longed for. She was the Class of 1966 Head Girl and graduated as Dux of the College, thanks to the hard work and tireless efforts of the Presentation Sisters. At this time, the Sisters headed up the Boarding House, and taught all classes and co-curricular activities.

Sister Mary also remembers the Sisters as hardworking individuals who strove to provide students with the best education they could receive. Even though funding was scarce, the quality of education was never sacrificed. Boarders, indeed all Ionians, were always encouraged to aim high and do the very best they could.

Apart from the quality education that has been provided over the years, ask any Iona boarder – past or present – and they will tell you of the rich life lessons learned through growing up at the Boarding House. At a very early age, boarders learn to share, cooperate and be considerate towards others. These valuable attributes seem to carry on years after boarding, helping students in their personal, professional and social lives.

Brittany Hunter (12A), Head Boarder 2010, now considers time management as one of her valued skills—something she struggled with before entering the Boarding House. She has since learned to manage school work, Head Boarder responsibilities and other personal commitments during her time as a residential student.

“I feel that being a boarder has helped me become more resilient. I have learned to deal with setbacks and believe that I can do anything as long as I put my heart and soul into it,” Brittany said.

Brittany was Dux of the College in 2010 and hopes that the education she received at Iona will allow her to achieve her dream job in the field of astronomy.

Taking on Head Boarder responsibilities for 2011 is Monica Doyle (11F). Monica is confident she will have the support of her peers next year and is honoured to be representing her friends as Head Boarder in 2011.



Current boarders enjoying a casual dinner in the Courtyard.

“The one thing I’ve learned about the Boarding House is that no matter what, your friends will help you out. Even in difficult times, my friends and Housemothers have always encouraged me to look ahead and plan for the future,” Monica said.

Tara Vermeersch (Brand), Head Girl 2001, remembers the fantastic support network provided by her Housemothers and said the Boarding House taught her a level of independence that she probably would not have learned at home.

“Although many young girls enter the Boarding House with fear and nerves, they leave as confident young women ...”

Eleanor Flynn, Chantelle Clay,
Emma Helfer, Phillippa Mitchell.



“The ‘big girls’ took on this responsibility, not because they were asked to but because they had a real interest in the happiness and care of the ‘little ones’.”

This real sense of belonging

that develops over the years, as well as the lifelong friendships that are formed, are the facets of the Boarding House that are cherished and imprinted in a boarder’s memory.

Sister Mary feels the Boarding House has always been a “big family”. She recalls, even as a Year 12 boarder, appreciating the “bunny tucks” at bedtime from Sister Joan Evans, who was Head of Boarding from 1956 to 1972.

“Sister Joan had a special word for all of us; we weren’t just a number. The inclusiveness was definitely appreciated,” Sister Mary said.

“For me, the example of the Presentation Sisters who taught me, and the many Sisters who cared for us in the Boarding House, were the catalyst, the force behind my decision to join the PVBM Congregation,” she added.

Mrs Joan Easton, current Head of Boarding, agrees that this inclusivity still runs through the Boarding House today.

“The dynamic of the Boarding House is so different to that of a family unit, which means the girls are constantly looking out for each other as there are more people within the group to care for and support,” Mrs Easton said.

“We have girls boarding with us from all over the state, from Mandurah through to Broome. Over the years we have had girls fly in from overseas and the eastern states.”

During Sister Joan’s time as Head of Boarding, most residential students were from regional Western Australia. A small group of Polish girls boarded at Iona in that era also, flying to WA to escape the oppressive martial law of their homeland.

Sister Joan recalls how the older boarders would look after the younger ones during the night, comforting, reassuring and easing their worries.

"The 'big girls' took on this responsibility, not because they were asked to but because they had a real interest in the happiness and care of the 'little ones'."

The compassion, understanding, tolerance and kindness that young boarders develop during their time in the Iona Boarding House are qualities that allow graduates to go out into the world with courage. The spirit of

the Iona Boarding House will stay with boarders forever. As Tara Vermeersch describes, it is the "everyday" moments that are cherished the most.

"Making up new lyrics to songs that would relate to ourselves or our friends, spending hours making costumes for theme dinners, trying to learn dance routines to *Video Hits* on

Saturday mornings, studying under the beautiful fig trees and sitting in each others' rooms, laughing until we cried – these fond memories will stay with me forever."

Tushka Stringer, Caitlin Riethmuller.



The current Year 12 Block, built in 1937. This building was once home to Iona's boarders.



“There was an air of excitement and often the sound of loud cheering on campus...”



Singing the College anthem at the Year 12 Farewell Assembly

There was an air of excitement and often the sound of loud cheering on campus leading up to the last day.



“Starbursts” at the Year 12 Parade

For the Class of 2010, Friday 22 October marked the last day of their secondary education and the beginning of the next chapter of their lives. Although exams were still to come, thoughts of study were temporarily put on hold as the girls celebrated this important milestone and took part in the traditional festivities that mark the end of Year 12 at Iona.

The official Year 12 Farewell Assembly was held on the Thursday afternoon, and the students and staff were joined by many Year 12 parents for the occasion. A rousing rendition of the College anthem was sung and there were tears from many of the students as they processed out of their last College assembly.

Friday began with the Year 12 Breakfast and the Parade, where even Julia Gillard and Tony Abbott made an appearance. Of course, it

would not be the last day at Iona without the Fun Concert. Gathered in Nagle Hall, Years 10, 11 and 12 students were entertained by the creative performances of staff members and the Year 11s. Amongst the many performers were Lady Gaga, the cast of *Glee*, the Jackson Five and, of course, the unbelievable magician Mr Allan Karasavas.

On Friday 19 November, the Graduation Mass and Dinner were held at St Patrick's Basilica and the Fremantle Sailing Club. These

celebrations were a fitting end to the many years of hard work, growth, fun and friendship at Iona.

Sophia Lenzo (12F) started at Iona in Pre-primary and her graduation marks the end of thirteen years of education at Iona.

"I'm very sad that my time here has come to an end but excited about what the future holds for me," she said.

Holly Dodd (12E) is another student who has had a thirteen year association with Iona.

"I am sad to be leaving because this is the place I met all my best friends, received a good education and made so many memories," she said.

"One of my favourite things about Iona has been the Fun Concerts for the Year 12s. It's so exciting that it is now our turn."

"Avatar" at the Year 12 Parade

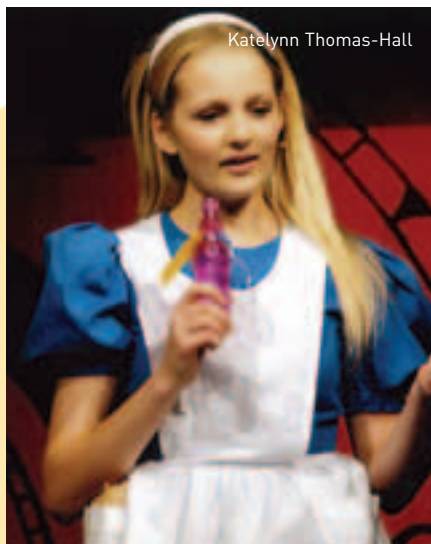


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**ALICE IN
WONDERLAND**



Portland Love, Esther Sutton and
Briana Kerr practising with their face paint.

“If the first Junior Production at Iona
can prove to be so successful, I look
forward to seeing the talent that
unfolds in the years to come”



Katelynn Thomas-Hall

In 2010, Iona held its first ever Junior Production, giving students in Years 7 to 9 the opportunity to showcase their creativity and imagination. *Alice in Wonderland* was performed at Nagle Hall on two nights in June. Students were excited to be involved in this classic play, particularly following the recent movie release. The theatrical power of the storyline meant they could really show off their energy and passion for all things drama.

Mr Joshua Brant, Drama Teacher, said introducing a College Junior Production meant creating an outlet for the immense talent that exists amongst the younger students.

"Our Year 7s are unable to participate in the College Production as rehearsals generally begin in Term 4 of the previous year, so it is important to give them the opportunity to showcase their abilities in their own production," Mr Brant said.

A cast of thirty-five girls was eventually chosen, with an additional number of students selected to be part of the backstage crew.

The girls worked tirelessly to deliver a polished and professional show, rehearsing three times a week including Sundays. An enormous effort beyond formal rehearsals was also made, with the cast working hard to learn lines and develop character.

In the lead-up to performance week, the cast and crew prepared costumes, props, makeup, sound, music and lighting. Hours of preparation went into the technical elements of the production.

Iona's budding actors were prepared for their debut on Wednesday 9 June. Unfortunately, the excitement of opening night was short-lived as Mosman Park's electricity failed, causing the first performance to be rescheduled for Thursday 10 June.

Miss Rachel Gorman, Drama Teacher, said the girls were very professional despite the

disappointment and prayed together to try to bring the power back.

The curtains finally did raise for the girls, and stellar performances were delivered on both Thursday 10 and Friday 11 June. All the hard work and dedication paid off, with positive audience feedback received.

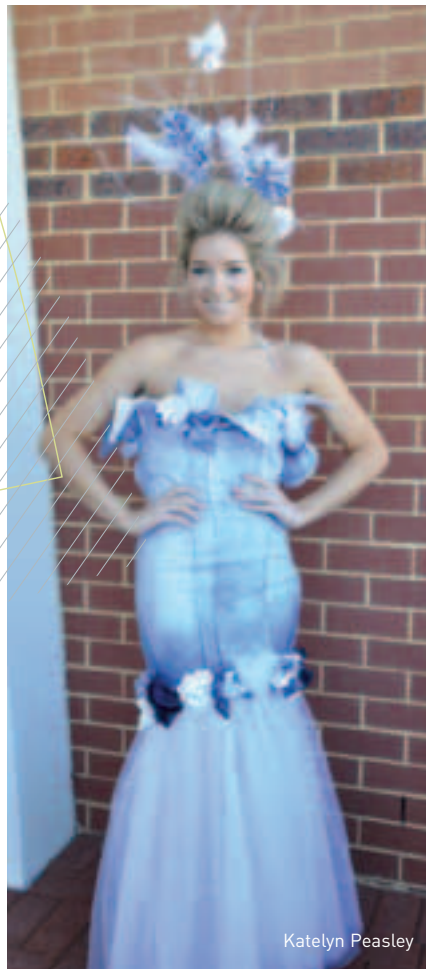
"The girls should be very proud of themselves, they really were the stars of the show. If the first Junior Production at Iona can prove to be so successful, I look forward to seeing the talent that unfolds in the years to come," Mr Brant concluded.



Tess Douglass, Grace Peris

“The girls worked tirelessly throughout the year to create their unique designs”

Four budding fashion designers, Katelyn Peasley (12F), Georgia Katos (12D), Leila Fitzgerald (12B) and Elizabeth Nolan (11E), were thrilled to make the final round of the Apex Australia Teenage Fashion Awards (AATFA) in 2010.



Katelyn Peasley

The girls worked tirelessly throughout the year to create their unique designs, with all four students participating in the Materials, Design and Technology (MDT) course at Iona. Leila and Georgia also studied Visual Arts.

Mrs Maryann Clarke, Technology and Enterprise Teacher, said the girls should be commended for their tremendous effort in being selected for the final heat. She also extends warm congratulations to Katelyn for being awarded a highly coveted internship with the Perth Fashion Festival.

“Katelyn has been selected to work alongside Mariella Harvey-Hanrahan in the lead up to and during the Perth Fashion Festival in 2011,” Mrs Clarke said.

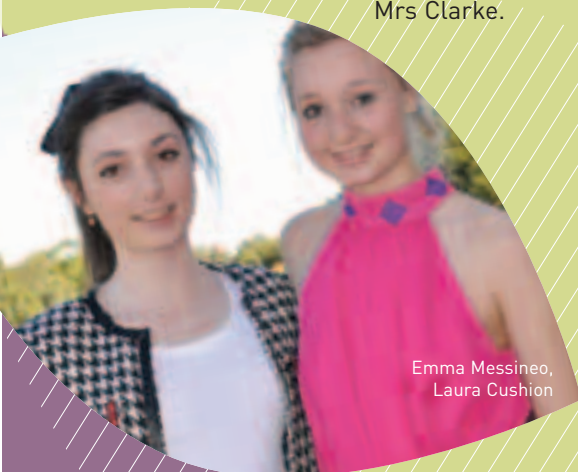
“This is such a fantastic opportunity for Katelyn and we look forward to hearing all about her invaluable experiences next year.”



Meg David, Elizabeth Nolan,
Sophia Lenzo , Nevada Fontana

AATFA is an annual nation-wide fashion competition for high school students, attracting several fashion design enthusiasts from Iona each year. In 2010, twelve girls from Years 10 to 12 entered their garments into the competition, which comprises of four categories; Casual Wear, Formal Wear, Wearable Art and Society and Environment.

"The Society and Environment category allowed entrants to create a garment from another culture, which coincided nicely with the Year 12 MDT project this year," said Mrs Clarke.



Emma Messineo,
Laura Cushion

"The task was to design and make a Japanese Kimono and embellished Obi Belt. Some students decided to enter their designs in the AATFA, while others decided to show off their creations at the annual fashion parade assembly," Mrs Clarke said.

Each year, before tackling regional and state heats, the girls transform a College assembly into a mini fashion parade. This gives them the opportunity to practice in front of an audience before their big debut.

The Awards boost confidence and give students an insight into how the fashion industry really works. The girls have to showcase their designs on a catwalk, providing a taste of what it feels like to be a fashion designer and to have their work judged by a number of people. The competition can act as a stepping-stone into the world of fashion and design.



Students modelling their
colourful Kimonos and Obi Belts.

"The Awards boost confidence and give students an insight into how the fashion industry really works"

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music at Iona
is brilliant”



Year 9 and 10 Choir

Music Night
was hosted by

Mairead

McCloskey (12F),

Music Captain, and Lillian

Fisher (12B), Moynihan House
Captain (Culture).

Nagle Hall

echoed with the sounds of beautiful melody and applause on the last Thursday of Term 2 as the Music School presented its annual Music Night to an enthusiastic audience.

“A celebration of musical achievement” was the theme of the evening, highlighted by performances showcasing a variety of genres including the Baroque, Classical, Romantic, 20th Century, Jazz and Popular periods.

The audience enjoyed performances by a range of ensembles and choirs featuring students from all Year levels. This year’s event was also marked by the inaugural performances of both the Iona Symphony Orchestra and the Combined Symphonic String and Woodwind Orchestra.

The success of the event was a credit to Ms Simone-Louise Skala, Director of Music, and her hardworking team of Music teachers and Instrumental staff.

Mairead said she was very proud to represent the College’s Music students.

“I was absolutely blown away by the consistently high standard of music throughout all of the ensembles’ performances,” Mairead said. “The talent and dedication of everyone involved in music at Iona is brilliant.”

Katrina Maller and Lucy Davidson



As part of Technology and Enterprise Week 2010, students were given the opportunity to become Iona's Master Chef!

The Junior and Senior Master Chef Competition comprised of two categories. Students in Years 7 to 9 were instructed to create "Divine Biscuits", while students in Years 10 to 12 were to produce "Cute Cupcakes".

On the morning of the competition, students were asked to deliver their delectable desserts to the Foods Room where a select few staff members and students eagerly awaited the taste test. Delighted to be on the judging panel, they were given the opportunity to taste each and every treat on display. The owner of each dessert was kept a mystery to ensure a fair competition and an exciting unveiling of the winners. One judge said the amount of effort put into each creation was evident and that the creativity displayed was amazing.

The girls displayed true flair and skill as their desserts were not only picture-perfect but also delicious! Although choosing a winner for each category was difficult, Lauren Sabatini (7A) managed to wow the

judges and take out the Junior Master Chef title with her mouth-watering Melting Moments. Followed closely behind Lauren was Summer Baxter (7B), Runner Up Junior Master Chef for 2010. Hannah Kolbusz (10D) was awarded the Senior Master Chef title for her delicately designed cupcakes. Runner Up Senior Master Chef for 2010 was Rahdee Hegney (11B).

"The girls displayed true flair and skill as their desserts were not only picture-perfect but also delicious!"



Rahdee Hegney



Olivia Ferguson

Watching traditional indigenous dance and didgeridoo playing were just a couple of ways Iona celebrated National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week in 2010.

NAIDOC Week is held across the country each year so that Australians from all walks of life can celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. As this important occasion fell during the July school holidays, Iona celebrated NAIDOC Week at the beginning of Term 3.

Events were organised by Mrs Susan Leach, Iona's Indigenous Students Coordinator, with help from Iona's Indigenous students.

The College was joined at assembly by two guest speakers, Andrew Beck and Maree Ansey. Andrew Beck was the Future Footprints Liaison Officer for the Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia (AISWA). The Future Footprints Program offers additional support for Indigenous students from regional and remote areas of WA attending residential schools in Perth. Andrew's amazing didgeridoo skills captured the audience.

Maree Ansey also spoke at the assembly, about moving from the Kimberley to Perth at the age of twelve, having been discovered in her hometown of Broome for her talents as a basketball player. Maree, who has played basketball at a professional level, is now a coordinator for the Kimberley Klub, a group that helps Indigenous students boarding in Perth to maintain their ties with their home communities.

Other highlights of the week included a kangaroo sausage sizzle, quizzes and a performance by dancers from Wesley College.



Maree Ansey speaking at Assembly

Gabrielle Gregory (12E) said her favourite part of the week was the dance performance in Nagle Hall.

"I was very proud of all the students for being so respectful and well-mannered," she said. "It made me really proud to be an Indigenous student at Iona."

The theme of this year's NAIDOC Week was "Unsung Heroes – Closing the Gap by Leading Their Way." The week aimed to recognise the many quiet achievers, both past and present, who have contributed to the rich indigenous culture of Australia.

"The theme of this year's NAIDOC celebration really hit home for me," said Gabrielle.

"I have a lot of family and friends in my community who work day in and day out, tirelessly trying to create a better world for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

"For so long there have been many people who do work behind the scenes and now they are finally noticed. It helps to encourage us and motivate us to do bigger and brighter things for the future."

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Performer from Wesley College

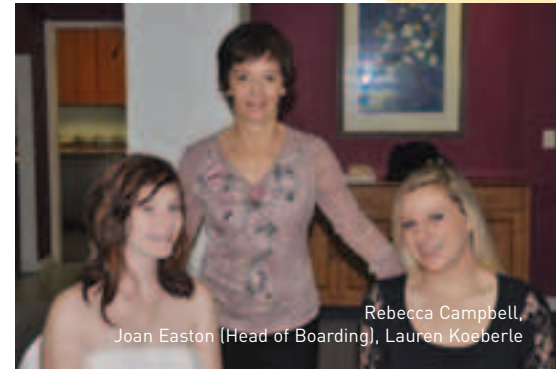


Surayah Bin Bakar and Tegan Bedford

college news PRINCIPAL'S DINNER

The Boarding House was buzzing with excitement on Friday 13 August as the Year 12s prepared for a special dinner with Mrs Anne Pitos, Principal, and the College Leadership Team (CLT). This annual meal is one cherished by the senior boarders as they journey closer to their last days at the College.

Gracefully making their way downstairs in fine attire, the Year 12 boarders were greeted by the CLT: Mrs Anne Pitos, Mrs Debra Powell, Mr John Hibble, Dr Ian Anthony and Sister Mary Mackin. The Boarders' Dining Room was transformed into a grand venue for the occasion, with white table cloths and vibrant red centerpieces decorating each table.



Rebecca Campbell,
Joan Easton (Head of Boarding), Lauren Koeberle

The Year 12s found their places and prepared for a delicious meal provided by the Boarding House Kitchen staff. The Year 11 boarders acted as professional wait staff and the guests included the Housemothers and Mrs Joan Easton, Head of Boarding.

Tara Vermeersch (Brand 2001) was guest speaker and shared her experiences as a boarder and Head Girl. Marlee Hutton (12E) said Tara provided the Year 12s with a hopeful insight into life beyond Iona.

"She was honest in letting us know that the future might not unfold the way we want it to but that we have the ability to make our own choices and achieve our personal goals," Marlee said.

"The positive atmosphere made the night a truly enjoyable one, shared by both staff and students."



Brittany Hunter, Tara Vermeersch (Brand),
Anne Pitos (Principal)

When the weekend rolls around, life at Iona continues in full-swing as the boarders find time alongside study to enjoy rest and recreation. In her role as Recreational Officer, Miss Claire Dean arranges a variety of activities, often with other boarding schools, for the girls to enjoy.

In 2010, the boarders have visited Adventure World, gone ice-skating, had a picnic dinner at Cottesloe Beach and attended the Perth International Arts Festival. They have tried their hand at cooking, picnicked at Kings Park, danced at various Socials and attended a Fremantle Dockers versus Sydney Swans game at Subiaco Oval.

The day at Adventure World was a favourite activity for Nikita Harris (8H).

"It was great because almost the whole Boarding House was there and we could all bond and get to know each other," she said.

For Meg Heavey (10B), a highlight of this year's activities has been the six Socials with students from other boarding schools here in Perth.

"At the Socials, a lot of girls have fun dancing while others just enjoying relaxing and talking."

Sophie Hogan (8T) also particularly enjoys the Socials, as well as the sporting-related events.



Rachael Dawe and Nikita Harris.

"Recently we had a Sports Day and barbeque at MLC, which was great fun," she said.

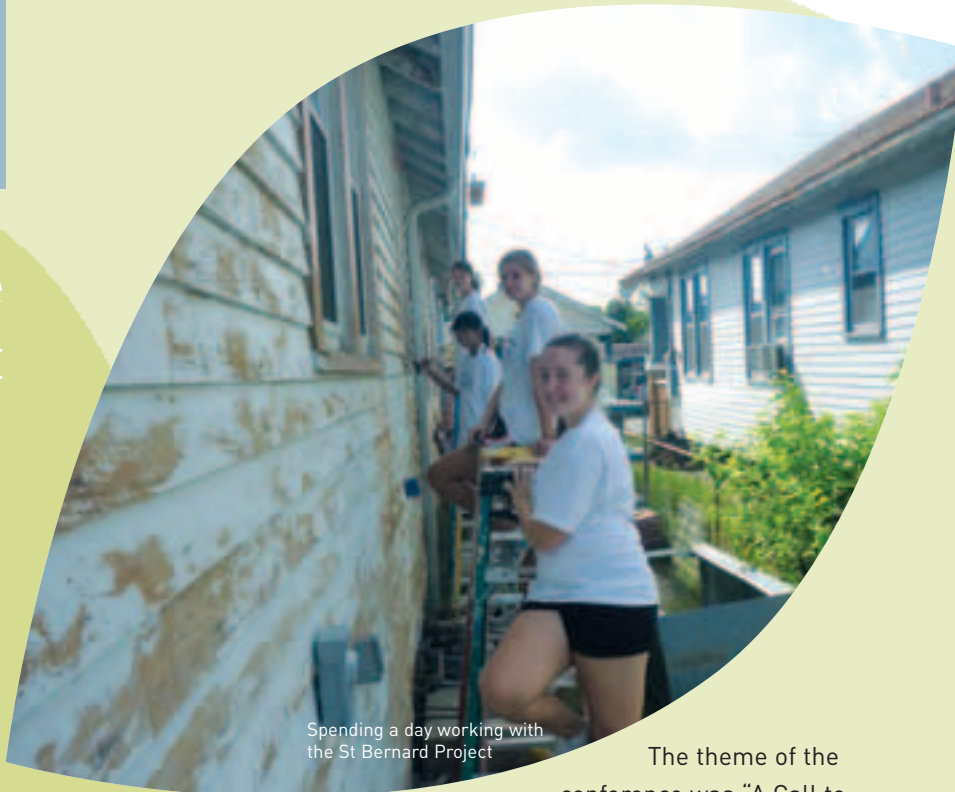
"We also love going shopping at Claremont Quarter and Cottesloe. Just chilling with our friends or going down to the river for an ice-cream is a favourite as well."



Sophie Hogan with a friend from another boarding school.

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**NEW ORLEANS
 ADVENTURE**

“They all made me realise that anyone can do anything to make a difference”



Spending a day working with the St Bernard Project

The theme of the conference was “A Call to Service”, and Caitlin and the thirteen other student delegates from around the world joined together to explore the concepts of aiding the equality of women and helping those in need.

Inspirational women shared stories of how they have contributed to making a difference in the lives of other women, particularly those in poverty. These stories included a sixteen-year old whose family sold their home and moved into one half the size, donating the remaining money to Hunger for Humanity; and a twenty-two year old who has founded an organisation to increase access to education for women in locations including Afghanistan and Pakistan.

While other Year 11 students were in the middle of their first semester exams, Caitlin Liddelow (11C) was jetting off to the United States to represent the College at an international conference.

Caitlin was one of only two students from Australia selected to attend the Alliance International Coalition of Girls’ Schools Conference in New Orleans. She went through a rigorous application process with the Alliance of Girls’ Schools Australasia, which included an interview and an extended written response on the advancement of women in society.

Caitlin (right) in New Orleans with other student delegates.



“I hope that opportunities such as these, to travel around the world and connect with other young women, continue to arise for youth all over the world”

“They all made me realise that anyone can do anything to make a difference,” Caitlin said.

The delegates also remembered Hurricane Katrina as the people of New Orleans prepared to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the disaster. Caitlin and the other international students spent a day participating in the St Bernard Project, a non-profit organisation dedicated to rebuilding homes destroyed by the hurricane. The girls helped one man in the process of rebuilding his home.

“It was quite a sad experience to see such a rich, western culture still struggling to provide aid for its people in a time of need.”

A highlight of the trip for Caitlin was experiencing authentic New Orleans culture. This included spending time with a host family, shopping and eating famous New Orleans menu items.

“We had Po-boys, crawfish, binyays, café au lait and visited Camellia Grill, which is possibly the greatest diner in America.”

Caitlin, who is passionate about human rights and hopes one day to work with the United Nations, said the conference has already changed her life.

“I had a fantastic experience and I hope that opportunities such as these, to travel around the world and connect with other young women, continue to arise for youth all over the world.”



Caitlin with one of the other student delegates.





Imagination

In the beginning,
Imagination fills the world.
But it shrinks,
As age kills it.
If you dig deep,
You can find somewhere there,
A treasure chest full
To the brim of imagination
Waiting to be used,
In whatever shape you want.

“As you age,
your imagination
shrinks, but if
you search for
it you can
find it”

Budding writer Maddison Moutia (10C) has been acknowledged for her poetic prowess in a national forum.

Maddi's poem, *Imagination*, was selected for publication in a national anthology of youth poetry and prose entitled *Youth Writes*. The book was launched in September by acclaimed author Bryce Courtenay at The King's School in Parramatta.

At a College assembly at the end of Term 3, Maddi was presented with a Certificate of Special Recognition in front of the Iona community.

Writing is something Maddi loves and wants to pursue when she finishes school. Her poem is about never losing the incredible gift of imagination.

In Term 2, the Year 9 students had the opportunity to perfect their ballroom dancing skills with lessons held in the Sports Centre on Friday afternoons. Year 10 students from CBC Fremantle joined in the after school activities, which were much anticipated by all students.

Old time dance styles such as the Cha Cha, Jive, Barn Dance, Polka and Slow Rhythm were learned, as well as modern styles of Disco, the Bus Stop and the Hucklebuck.

After five weeks of lessons, students felt they were ready to show off their skills at a Hollywood-themed social. The girls spent hours creating glamorous decorations to transform the College Sports Centre.

On Friday 11 June, the red carpet was rolled out and the dance floor filled quickly as excited guests showed off their new dance moves. All the dance styles learned and practiced in the lead up to the night were showcased as well as some freestyle dancing, which the students thoroughly enjoyed.



Harriet Du Pont , Tess Douglass

Mrs Sue Dyer, Head of Year 9, said the ballroom dancing lessons helped boost confidence and allowed the girls to mingle with others in a relaxed, social setting.

"The girls dressed themselves beautifully, behaved like young ladies and had a great time," Mrs Dyer said.



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Michaela von Perger,
Daisy Phillips



Isabella Modugno and Brittany Quinlan

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As the Year 12s commenced one of the busiest years of their lives, two students got a head-start on their tertiary education, completing a university unit before even graduating from high school.

Isabella Modugno (12A) and Brittany Quinlan (12D) completed an Information Systems course at Curtin University during the first semester of 2010. Each Wednesday after school, they travelled to Curtin to participate in the fourteen-week course.

In a unique opportunity that gave the girls a special insight into life at university and their career options, Isabella and Brittany learnt about gaining profit in a business, e-commerce, different types of markets and website development.

The experience was made particularly interesting by the inclusion of excursions off-campus to explore the course concepts in real-life situations.

“We were given the opportunity to go on tours to IKEA and Bunnings Warehouse to see how technology operates in these environments and how they gain profit by using different technologies,” Isabella said.

“We were also given prizes and treated to the yummy food and chocolate at the IKEA Café.”

Another highlight of the course was using the new Microsoft Surface technology, a revolutionary multi-touch system set to change the face of computing.

“This was an amazing, mind-blowing experience,” said Brittany. “It broadened our way of communicating with devices. We were able to use touch-screen computers, manipulating photos and playing games to experience the future of technology.”

With the successful completion of assignments, topic tests and an exam, both girls completed the course and are now looking forward to the opportunities ahead in the world of Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

“By completing this course we got a taste of the university lifestyle and are now prepared for next year,” said Isabella.

“I would definitely encourage other students interested in ICT to take this opportunity,” said Brittany. “It is especially important that we increase the number of women participating in this field as there are so many great opportunities out there.”

Physical Science and Engineering are two areas rarely explored in a normal Science class but Iona is delving into these fields with enthusiasm. In 2010, the College has introduced Challenge Science, a new course headed up by our very own Science guru, Mr Michael Rebeiro.

"We want to make a change, foster interest and see more Ionians get involved in the Physical Science and Engineering areas," Mr Rebeiro said.

The aim of the course is to introduce extension and investigation in these subject areas. A select number of students were invited into the Challenge Science course at the start of 2010, with these students devoting two periods a week to their new subject.

Term 1 saw students search for different ways to present information. Students had to create their own websites, prepare and upload information, create links and format charts for online viewing.

In Term 2, students focused on experiment design and the topic of radiation. They were asked to create and upload a video onto their website, which they did successfully.

Robotics was investigated in Terms 3 and 4. Students built their very own robot, complete with light, sound, proximity and temperature sensors. The girls had to program their robot to carry out specific tasks, a project thoroughly challenging and rewarding for everyone involved.

After a very productive first year, Mr Rebeiro said the possibilities for the Challenge Science course are endless. In 2011, the girls will be involved in an internet telescope project, which will allow them to measure the rate of expansion of the universe.



Nina McAdam, Jasmine Ferguson
Freya Skipworth, Iven Listina

"... the possibilities
for the Challenge
Science course
are endless"



Rebecca D'Alonzo, Viviana Jacobs



Grace Pettigrew, Mariana Rossen-Abercromby



Eliza Mitchell and Laurelle Neugebauer

Did you know that the Australian flag on top of Parliament House in Canberra is the size of a double-decker bus? This is just one of the interesting facts discovered by fifty Iona students who participated in a tour of our nation's capital earlier this year.

2010 was a big year in Australian politics, and during the July school holidays students and several staff members had a chance to be a part of the action. They visited Canberra to see the sites and participate in educational programs focusing on Australia's politics and history.

“It was such a fun week with all of my friends, and we got to visit so many amazing and important places”

With a jam-packed schedule, the group's first few days included visits to the many renowned sites of the Australian capital. They explored Government House and Parliament House, reflected at Anzac Parade and the Australian War Memorial, and discovered the National Archives, the Australian Institute of Sport and Questacon (Canberra's version of Scitech).



Visiting the Australian War Memorial

Caitlin Tormay (10C) said one of her highlights of the trip was visiting the Governor-General's house.

"It was really beautiful and we got to be in the room in which Julia Gillard became Prime Minister," she said.

In the second half of the week, the students left Canberra for the ski-slopes of Perisher. Excitement built as many of the group were seeing snow for the first time. After a few ski lessons, everyone was able to take to the slopes with confidence.

"The skiing in Perisher was so much fun, even though we were skiing through a blizzard!" said Caitlin.

According to Caitlin, the Canberra Tour was a great adventure and one she would definitely recommend to others.

"It was such a fun week with all of my friends, and we got to visit so many amazing and important places," she said.

Amy Goodall (12B), who also took part in the tour, said the experience was rewarding both academically and socially.

"We got to do a mix of everything, from visiting the War Memorial, to skiing, and shopping in Canberra Central."

Rachel Martella, Caitlin Hogan, Channai Graham, Maddison Hogan and Bridget Darragh at Mount Ainslie.





Steffi Nadilo, Maya Stawski



Julie Doyle, Summer Walters



Term 2 was a busy time for Iona's Cross Country competitors. The Interhouse Cross Country Carnival started the season off on Friday 30 April. The sun was shining brightly as participants took to the three kilometre course. A one and a half kilometre course was also on offer. It was a fierce competition but Moynihan stood strong and were the winners for the day. Final results were:

Moynihan	749 points
O'Dowling	657 points
Treacey	613 points
O'Halloran	600 points

The State Schools Cross Country competition followed closely behind on Friday 28 May. Iona came a very close second overall in this competitive event, with the Under 13 age group winning the shield for the best in WA.

That afternoon, the team set off for the inaugural Cross Country Camp in Busselton. Over sixty students stayed at the Baptist Youth Camp, which is located on the beachfront of Geographe Bay. Mornings were cold but the students enthusiastically participated in beach runs, swims, long distance hill runs and yoga sessions. Everyone returned home refreshed and revitalised, ready to tackle the next challenge.



Iona Cross Country Team 2010

On Thursday 3 June, a large squad of seventy students took to the track at Alderbury Reserve for the ACC Cross Country. Sights were set firmly on the shield, so it is no surprise the team came home with three. Iona was the Overall Girls Champion and the Under 14 Girls Champion. Summer Walters (7B) was awarded third place in the Under 14 division, an outstanding effort considering the number of competitors on the day.

IGSSA Cross Country was the final competition for the season and the team was determined to finish strong. Carnival day started with an early morning breakfast on Friday 18 June, followed by an inspirational address from AFL Brownlow Medalist Shane Woewodin. Later that day, Iona placed fourth overall in the IGSSA Carnival, taking out the pennants for Years 7 and 9. It was a fitting end to the 2010 Cross Country season.





Rachel Beech, Gabrielle Gregory

Iona's track and field stars got their chance to shine during Term 3. The athletes officially began training late in Term 2 in order to perform at their personal best in 2010.

To kick off the Athletics season, Iona held its annual Interhouse Athletics Carnival on Friday 30 July. Proving to be the biggest carnival in the history of the College, students participated in over 170 events and fifteen records were broken on the day. O'Dowling powered through and the Houses produced the following final results:

O'Dowling	2330	points
O'Halloran	2062.5	points
Treacey	1972.5	points
Moynihan	1923	points

An intensive Athletics Camp was held at the College in early September. Students gathered after school on Friday 3 September for workshops with Iona's specialist coaches. The team was then treated to a meal at Villa Roma in Fremantle before another big day of training on Saturday. The athletes fronted Cottesloe Beach for a morning run, followed by yoga sessions back at the College. The camp concluded with Iona's athletes setting their goals for the season.

Kate Grogan, Clare Millen,
Emma Grogan, Natasha PetersonCompeting at the
Interhouse Carnival.



Kyana Collard



Brianna Kingsep, Nicole Clark

On Monday 13 September, the day before the much anticipated IGSSA Athletics Carnival, Iona's Athletics squad were treated to a breakfast before school. Both the camp and the motivational breakfast proved to be fantastic preparation for the IGSSA Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 14 September. Held at the WA Athletics Stadium, Iona performed with great strength, taking home the prestigious Laurie Packham trophy for the best track school at the carnival. The Year 7 cohort won their pennant and the Year 9s were second in their age bracket.

The ACC Athletics Carnival, also held at the WA Athletics Stadium, took place the week after IGSSA. Concluding the Athletics season, Iona came a very close second for the Overall Girls shield. The Junior girls performed magnificently, taking out the shield for their category. Congratulations to the Years 7, 8 and 9 girls for this outstanding achievement.



YEAR 12 MOTHER DAUGHTER LUNCH



Michelle Cowan

and as the managing director of her own national company by the age of twenty-five. Michelle's story is covered in more detail in the Past Pupils section of this edition.

This new event was a fitting addition to the girls' last year at the College, offering inspiration for their future and time with the women who have supported them throughout their school years.

Ariane Sutton and
Amanda Sutton

In June, the inaugural Year 12 Mother and Daughter Luncheon was hosted by the Iona Auxiliary. The event was held at the Fremantle Sailing Club where Mothers, daughters and several College staff members enjoyed a meal and each other's company.

Guest speaker **Michelle Cowan (Peterson 1999)** was motivational, sharing her own success story with the audience. Michelle has broken boundaries as the Australian Football League's first female assistant coach

Tess Schlink and
Sabina ThomasRuby Harris and
Lorraine Fletcher

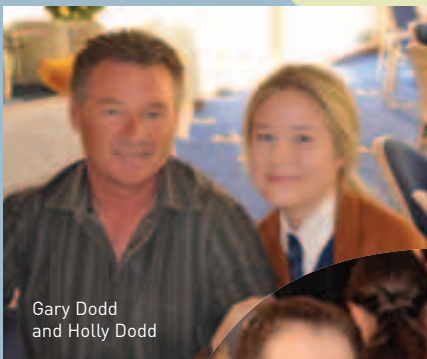
YEAR 12 FATHER DAUGHTER BREAKFAST



Carl Fletcher and Georgia Fletcher



Chloe-Maria Potter and Darrel Bellotti



Gary Dodd
and Holly Dodd



Annalise Miller
and Michael Miller

In what has become a fine Iona tradition, the Year 12s gathered on the Friday morning before Fathers' Day for the annual Father Daughter Breakfast. Joined at the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club by their

Dads, or another significant father figure, the girls took the time to thank these men who have made such an important contribution to their lives.

Organised by the Men of Iona together with the Year 12 Pastoral Care Team, the event was an opportunity for the proud Dads to spend some time with their daughters as the girls' time of secondary education was drawing to a close. Both the Dads and daughters enjoyed the time-out from their busy schedules to share a delicious breakfast at one of the best view-points of the Swan River.

The guest speaker for the morning was Mary-Jo Morgan from Relationships Australia, who spoke about the precious and crucial relationship between Fathers and daughters.



Guests during morning tea



Tonya Lamborn (Music Teacher) conducting the Year 11 and 12 Choir



The Auxiliary serving guests during Open Morning

Iona held its second Open Morning for 2010 on Wednesday 1 September. The 200 attendees included prospective families, current parents and past pupils, and all were warmly welcomed to learn more about life at Iona.

The College Leadership Team began the morning with a presentation that explained College life and the opportunities available to all Ionians. Parents were informed of the many academic and co-curricular choices an Iona student has, and the Faith that is developed through participation in the Iona community.

The Year 10s then guided small groups on a personalised tour around the College. Classes took place as usual so that Iona's learning environment could be seen in action. Visitors were also able to view the site of the new dance studio and classrooms.

Morning tea, kindly organised and served by the Auxiliary, awaited guests as they returned to the Sports Centre. The College Choir sang beautifully from the top floor of the Sports Centre, while guests were given the opportunity to speak to staff members, current students and current parents.

The sun was shining on Thursday 23 September as the Dads of Iona took the reins of the Canteen, much to their daughters' delight.

The Dads put on a sausage sizzle in the amphitheatre, which was well received by the students and staff. The barbeque smell wafting through the College grounds drove everyone to the Canteen area to see what was happening.

The Men of Iona is officially a sub-committee of the Iona Parents and Friends Association, focusing on both social and service opportunities.

Many of the Men of Iona activities throughout the year celebrate the precious



Sam Cannone, Michael Rigoll, Steve McCarthy

relationship between Dads and their daughters. "Dads on Canteen" is one such activity and is a great opportunity for Fathers to be involved in the everyday life of the College.

Men of Iona is open to all Dads from both the College and Primary School.



Alexia Sberna, Sam Cannone

Students lining up for a delicious sausage sizzle lunch in the Amphitheatre





Tony, Lucy (2008) and
Jane Anderson

On Saturday 28 August, the College Sports Centre was abuzz with almost 400 people excitedly awaiting the annual P&F Quiz Night. iPhones were switched off, leaving sheer brain power to determine the winning table. The much anticipated event saw the Primary School and College communities gather to raise funds for both campuses.

The evening was filled with fun and frivolity. Mr Chris Wiener, the colourful Quiz Master, challenged guests with questions

covering a variety of topics,

including music, sport, geography and pop culture. Tickets were sold for a range of raffles and a silent auction was carried out throughout the night, attracting many bidders including the *bon vivant*, sports fanatic and jet-setter.



Andrew Canion, Hannah Beazley, Joanne Ciccarelli,
Michael Ciccarelli, Anne Pitos, Tony Pitos

Over \$17,700 was raised, which will go towards funding additional educational resources for the Primary School, a thirty-two seater bus for the College and air-conditioning for both campuses.

Overall, the night was a huge success thanks to the hardworking P&F committee, Iona's Maintenance Team, student helpers, parents and friends. An event of this size would not be as successful as it was without the efforts of all members of the community. The event grows in size and popularity each year, meaning the 2011 Quiz Night is not to be missed!



Interested bidders try their luck in the silent auction

The Quiz Night is a chance for members of the Iona community to come together and enjoy an evening with good food, wine and company.



YEAR 8 MASS AND MORNING TEA

“The Mass was filled with really lovely prayers and many tributes to our Dads”



Isabella Farish and David Farish

important relationship between Dads and daughters.

All the girls contributed to the celebration, whether it be by reading, singing, or praying along with their friends and Fathers.

With Fathers' Day just around the corner, the Year 8s held a very special morning of Mass and morning tea with their Dads at the College.

The girls, their Fathers and the Year 8 teachers gathered first thing in the morning to celebrate the Eucharist together in Corpus Christi Church. Mass was celebrated by Father John Sebastian, who spoke about the

“The Mass was filled with really lovely prayers and many tributes to our Dads,” said Kelsey O’Grady (8D).

Morning tea was enjoyed in the sunshine at the amphitheatre following Mass.



Peter O’Grady and Kelsey O’Grady



Olivia Campana and Mark Campana



Roman Watkins and Jessica Watkins



Irene Hince, Janet Arndt

On one of the most beautiful mornings of spring, mothers of Iona students gathered for the annual Mothers' Morning Tea. The event, held at Cottesloe Tennis Club, was hosted by the Iona Auxiliary on Friday 17 September.

As always, the Auxiliary worked hard to create a welcoming atmosphere and a delicious morning tea for all to enjoy. The ladies were joined by guest speakers Mrs Anne Pitos and Ms Christine Walsh, Principals of Iona

Presentation College and Iona Presentation Primary School. The two women shared updates on the schools' current happenings as well as plans for the future. Mothers were also given the opportunity to ask questions of the Principals.



Alma Kort, Susan Yeo,
 Mariann De Dios, Mee Ling Tan



Deanne Brown, Sheree Anderson



Cath Rebelo, Kate Smyth,
 Jacqs Harris, Maureen Harcomb

“I’ve always worked hard. But to me it’s always been about enjoying my work, and being motivated by it and dedicated to it”



The fascinating and diverse world of the arts has captured the imagination of **Allanah Lucas (1969)** since she was a child, and has continued to play a leading role throughout her life. Her current position as the Director General of the Western Australia Department of Culture and the Arts (DCA) is yet another credit to Allanah’s illustrious career in the humanities, both here in Australia and abroad.

Imagination is something Allanah values highly – so much so that she has, with the help of her executive team, formally instilled imagination as one of the four values of the DCA. This was a move that was not without resistance.

“It’s quite unusual in a government department to say that imagination is one of our values,” Allanah said.

“I fought very hard to have imagination as a value, because if we can’t imagine what we are trying to achieve then I don’t know how we can get there.”

“People talk about vision – it’s the same thing (as imagination) really. But vision shouldn’t just be a statement that makes everyone feel happy. It has to be a real picture that you’re going for, and that’s where imagination comes in.”

Upon her appointment as Director General in 2008, having acted in the role previously, Allanah saw great appeal in taking on the challenge of moving the Department into a new era. She was fascinated by the prospect of making this change happen while honouring the past.

The Department now has a strategic plan that focuses on the people of Western Australia valuing the arts. At the heart of the plan is a vision for the community to be enriched by cultural and arts experiences.

One key accomplishment is the nearly completed State Theatre Centre, due to open in early 2011. The theatre finally brings to the state a professional and contemporary location for local, national and international performances.

Although Perth is described with the unenviable label of “dullsville” by some people, Allanah laughs off the notion.

"People tend to keep saying it, even if there is no truth in it. Actually, there is so much on offer. You just have to look on the internet, in the paper...there's entertainment and arts going on all the time."

Having lived in the United Kingdom for a decade, Allanah said this was one of the key things she noticed when she returned to Perth in 1997.

"I have to say it was a wonderful surprise when I arrived back," she said.

Allanah had left Australia in the late 1980s and took on a number of roles during her time overseas, including a position as the Executive Director of the Salisbury Playhouse. When she returned to Perth she took up the role of General Manager of the Perth Theatre Company, was later appointed as the Director of ArtsWA and was seconded to the WA Museum as the Acting Director. In describing her decision to take up the role, Allanah gives an insight into her career philosophy with an attitude that exudes a love for the arts.

"I've always worked hard. But to me it's always been about enjoying my work, and being motivated by it and dedicated to it."

From a young age, Allanah's interest in the arts was fostered by her parents, who were both teachers. They thought their daughters would also both follow this profession.

After studying at the University of Western Australia, Allanah briefly taught at Santa Maria College before embarking on a path that led her to arts administration. Her sister, **Anne Lucas (1963)**, has had a very successful career in film.

Both Anne and Allanah were actively involved in all things arts-related at Iona Presentation College, and Allanah still has a great friendship with Sister Bernadette Waring (Sister Perpetua), her drama teacher at Iona. Allanah speaks with great admiration for the Sisters who educated her, and the spiritual and humanitarian values they passed on.

"They taught us how to be in the world and relate to the world but still to hold fast to those very important principles. That's what Iona means to me, even now."

Allanah is married to Graham Walne whom she met in England. He is an acclaimed lighting designer, theatre consultant and author, and his works have included lighting for the Bolshoi Ballet and working on the redesign of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London. Allanah has a daughter, **Rohan Young (1991)**, and a son, Rupert. Rohan's son, Lachlan, is Allanah's first grandchild.



Anne Lucas (1963), Sister Bernadette Waring, Mary Dean (1963), Allanah Lucas



Smashing traditional stereotypes of gender roles in the workplace has been the hallmark of **Michelle Cowan's (Peterson 1999)** career. She has broken through boundaries and proven that passion is what is required to achieve any goal.

In 2004, at the age of twenty-one Michelle became the first female assistant coach in the West Australian Football League (WAFL). She has followed this up with a job managing a multi-million dollar Leisure Centre redevelopment and is now the Managing Director of her own national company.

The goals of Michelle's ground-breaking career were set during her days at Iona Presentation College.

"I thought I would be the first female Australian Football League (AFL) coach during my school years at Iona and always wanted to start my own company," she said.

Michelle always had a passion for sport and knew that with the right accreditations, experience and hard work she could achieve her goals.

"My love and interest for AFL gave me the drive to achieve and the determination to be involved."

“Make sure you choose a career that you love, that way you don’t have to work one day in your life”

Her dream came true when she was appointed Assistant Coach for the West Perth Football Club in 2004 and 2005. She was the first woman in Australia to become an accredited AFL coach.

Breaking into a traditionally male-dominated culture like the AFL was a big challenge.

“A lot of people don’t like change and seeing a female in the coaches’ box seemed to be quite a big change to some people,” Michelle said.

According to Michelle, the people who did try to knock her down only inspired her more. She also had an amazing team behind her who gave Michelle full support and empowered her to be the best she could be.

“I had, and continue to have, a great network of mentors who supported me through my career and who I still call on these days for advice,” she said.

After working in the WAFL, Michelle managed 150 staff through the \$10.3 million redevelopment of Craigie Leisure Centre. She defied common expectations of the Generation Y worker with award-winning results.



Michelle had set herself another goal during her teenage years – to one day start her own company. At the age of twenty-five she achieved this, starting Specialized Training and Development, a company that delivers premier sports camps for school children with some of Western Australia’s elite athletes. Corporate development and events management are also part of the company’s scope.

Michelle is a professional speaker as part of her current role. She addresses a range of audiences on topics including the potential of the Gen-Y workforce, breaking stereotypes and the potential of young female leaders.

Michelle inspired Iona’s Year 12 students in June when she shared her extraordinarily gutsy story with great humour at the Mother and Daughter Lunch.

Her advice to all students making decisions about their future is to set goals and then to put themselves out there, as the worst that can happen is someone will say “no”.

“And then that’s their bad luck,” she said.

“Make sure you choose a career that you love, that way you don’t have to work one day in your life,” she said.

Having strong mentors throughout her own life has also shown Michelle the importance of having someone who will help you advance, enhance and build your career.

You can find out more about Michelle’s company at www.specializedtraining.com.au.



Emily Loughnan's (2005) passion for running was evident from a young age. Mrs Sue Wiener, Iona's current Director of Sport and Head of Health and Physical Education, was Emily's Primary School Physical Education teacher and inspiration. Mrs Wiener encouraged Emily to develop a real interest for the sport and, at the age of twelve, she was already participating in fun runs and national competitions. When Emily arrived at Iona, the endless sporting opportunities on offer only developed her passion further.

Emily began at Iona in 2001 and was an active member of the Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics Teams for the five years that she was at the College, participating in IGSSA and ACC competitions.

"Sport and co-curricular activities were a very big part of my life at Iona. There is nothing quite like representing the College at IGSSA, and being a part of a team where hard work, commitment and pride in your College makes you strive for excellence," Emily said.

Emily represented Iona at the WA State All Schools Cross Country Championships from 2001 to 2005. She went on to represent WA at the Australian Cross Country Championships and in 2005 was named Captain of the WA Cross Country Team.

When asked how she managed the demands of school work and training, she admits it was difficult at times. Emily learned the importance of time management very quickly, which she seemed to master by the end of her time at Iona. As a Year 12 student, she remembers thinking she would have given anything for a few extra hours a day but she was determined to succeed at both school and sport. Emily said she knew she was not alone and that many of her classmates were managing the same demands, so they were all in it together.

Emily's enthusiasm and dedication has certainly paid off. Her passion for running has carried on long after her time at Iona. She currently runs six to seven times a week, sometimes even twice a day. Since graduation, Emily has incorporated strength training into her fitness program, including Pilates and massage on a weekly basis.

In her current work as a physiotherapist, Emily has learned to consider the importance of recovery and injury management. There are times throughout the year when she participates in races consecutively, meaning rest and recuperation is highly valued.



Last year, Emily finished third in her favourite race, the Perth City to Surf. This year she finished fourth and, although dissatisfied with this result, knows that there are always wonderful lessons to be learned from disappointment. She feels these lessons are just as valuable, if not more so than those generated from success.

Continuing her relationship with

the College over the years, Emily has returned annually to coach Iona's Cross Country Team. She said she still feels like a part of the team, trying to encourage the girls to give of their best and be actively involved.

"If there is one thing I hope to teach the girls through my role as coach it is that life is not about being better than someone else. It is about striving to be better than you used to be. Win or lose, it is the working together as a team, the personal endeavour and the giving it all you've got that are the true measures of success."

"... life is not about being better than someone else. It is about striving to be better than you used to be"





Lauren Mitchell (2009)
visits Iona (pictured
with Receptionists
Alana Grljusich and
Theresa Loughnan)

Congratulations to **Samantha Clarke (2008)** who made it to the top six in the Under-25 Girls' category of "The X Factor Australia." Samantha was selected by singer Natalie Imbruglia to be in the top six and travelled to the Caribbean, where she performed in front of Natalie and guest judge Sir Richard Branson.



Belinda Byfield (Rollans 1999)
with her family

Congratulations to **Lauren Mitchell (2009)** for her incredible success on the sporting world stage. At the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games in October, Lauren won an amazing four gold medals in Gymnastics for both team and individual events. She also made history later that month at the World Gymnastics Championships in the Netherlands, becoming the first Australian woman to win a Gymnastics world title. Lauren took home the gold medal for her floor routine on the final day of competition. Congratulations, Lauren, from the whole Iona community. Your hard work and determination is inspirational.

Michelle Sastryawan (2002) attended Iona as an international boarder from 1998 to 2002. Michelle moved back home to Jakarta briefly after graduation, only to pack her bags again and head to the United States for further education. She studied business in Los Angeles and San Francisco before heading to the busy city of Shanghai to develop her Chinese language skills. On her return to Jakarta for the second time, Michelle decided to stay put and start her own business. She now runs a kindergarten, which opened in July 2010. Michelle currently has about thirty students attending her school and is keen to expand in the future, despite education being a highly competitive industry in Indonesia.

Belinda Byfield (Rollans 1999) studied tourism at TAFE and then worked in the Pharmacy industry. She met James Byfield the same year she graduated from Iona and they married in 2004. Together they have three children, Bella (born in 2004), Brock (born in 2006) and Summer (born in 2008). Since Bella was born, Belinda has been a stay-at-home Mum, a role she has relished. In recent years, Belinda has started her own business, which she is able to operate from home and fit in around being a wife and mother. Her new business has allowed her to spend lots of time with her family and they have enjoyed travelling the world together. In 2010, they have travelled to the Gold Coast, Sydney, Macau and Hong Kong. In December 2010, they will be in Canada to see snow for the first time. The website for Belinda's business is www.OnlineWealthBiz.com.

Claire Jay (2009) is currently studying Visual Arts at TAFE and enjoying every minute of it. Sculpture has been her favourite subject so far, with History and Theory following closely behind. Claire thinks the whole class art discussions that take place are fantastic and she has made some great friends who are as enthusiastic about art as she is.

Claire returned to Iona in 2010 to assist with the Art Exhibition, *Catch the Vision*. Her help was greatly appreciated and it was fantastic to welcome Claire back to the College.



Fiona Sudlow (van Merwyk 1982) left Iona in 1980.

After finishing school, Fiona graduated from the University of Western Australia with a Bachelor of Arts, double majoring in French and Italian with a minor in Maths. Having completed her degree, Fiona then travelled to Paris and Europe to consolidate her languages. Upon returning to Australia, Fiona worked in hospitality in various locations around the country, including a ski resort in Mount Hotham, a long stint in the Hamilton Island, and in Perth as Restaurant Manager at the Sheraton Hotel and Cocos Restaurant. Later, Fiona moved to Melbourne and became a flight attendant as a French language speaker with Qantas.

While out on a girls' night in Melbourne, Fiona met her husband, who coincidentally was a Perth-based Qantas pilot! Having checked-off fifteen years of service with Qantas this year, Fiona now lives in Perth with her husband and two children.

The forty-fifth annual Combined Independent Girls' Schools (CIGS) Golf Day was hosted by Iona Presentation College at Hartfield Country Club on Monday 11 October.

Iona was represented by eight past students: **Anna Elliot (Churchill 1956)**, **Jacque Stade (Hope 1959)**, **Kerry Robinson (Peters 1962)**, **Saasha Callaghan (2005)**, **Margaret O'Brien (Kenny Year 11 1970)**, **Nola Lord (Chataway Year 10 1960)**, **Tessara Callaghan (2007)** and **Kerry Hardwick (Roberts 1962)**.

The competition was Canadian Foursomes Stableford and was keenly contested by a field of 102 players. St Hilda's were the winners on the day, followed by Loreto, with Iona sharing third place with St Mary's. This was an exciting result for a small team of eight Iona players against the twenty-four on the St Hilda's team! Also competing were teams from MLC, PLC, Perth College and Penrhos.

Tessara Callaghan won the longest drive on the 18th Hole and Kerry Robinson had the best drive on the 9th Hole.

Helen Barrett (Hardwick Year 10 1960) and **Lyn Neacy (Birrell Year 10 1960)**, previous members of the Iona team, assisted with the cards and preparing the results, before joining all the players for an enjoyable lunch.

In presenting the shield to the winning team, Iona Captain Kerry Hardwick commented that the friendships made from school days and through golf were wide-ranging and enduring.

We would like to boost the number of players in the Iona team for future years. Players with an official handicap are invited to contact Kerry on (08) 9450 1432.

Sarah Fogliani

(2001) has returned to Iona in 2010 as a teacher in the Physical Education Learning Area.

Sarah studied at Notre Dame University, where she was the President of SHAPE (School of Health and Physical Education) for three years. While at Notre Dame, she also won the Dr Michael Quinlan Community Service Award. Before coming to Iona, Sarah taught at Aranmore Catholic College (Leederville), John Paul College (Kalgoorlie) and Sacred Heart College (Sorrento). She also worked in remote Indigenous communities.

Outside of the world of teaching, Sarah has enjoyed travelling around New Zealand, the United States and parts of Canada. Recently, Sarah "retired" after many years playing netball with the State League. A keen fan of adrenaline, Sarah has bungee-jumped a couple of times, been swimming with the sharks, and sky-dived out of a helicopter in the Swiss Alps, where the outside temperature was a cool minus nineteen degrees Celsius!

past pupil news GOLDEN GIRLS REUNION



Sister Mary Mackin
(Mission Leader), Joyce
Hale (Townsend)



Michelle Johns (Dewar), Kay Wilson (Peters),
Leaine Papadopoff (Strachan)

Patricia Clarke (Richards),
June Sproat-Benwell (Leahy),
Patricia Lennon (Ramsay)



The much anticipated Golden Girls event took place on Friday 10 September. The annual event, celebrating past pupils who graduated fifty years ago or more, began with a special Mass at Corpus Christi Church.

The College's Dolce String

Quartet played

respectfully as guests arrived, with Mrs Anne Pitos officially welcoming guests and beginning the celebration. Iona Presentation Primary School sang beautifully throughout Mass and concluded the Eucharist with a liturgical movement.

Morning tea followed Mass, which was held in the Boarders' Common Room. The Year 11s put on an entertaining fashion parade to music by the College's Flute Ensemble. A select group of Year 7s worked hard to ensure each Golden Girl enjoyed their cup of tea while catching up on old times and new.

Not long after morning tea came lunch in the picturesque Sequeira Room of the College Sports Centre. The Golden Girls were amazed at the stunning view over the swimming pool and the feast that the Boarding House Kitchen staff had put on for them.

Pauline Engelke, Class of 1960 Head Girl, made a toast to old school friends and shared her memories of Iona. Sister Mary Mackin said Grace before the lunch was enjoyed by all.

After many stories and laughs had been shared, the Golden Girls went their separate ways, saying they just couldn't wait to come back for next year's event.



Dolores Smith (Collins), Anne Rietveld (Rynders),
Jacqueline Bruining (Bryan)



Brenda Williamson (Cahill),
Michelle Morgan (Drinkwater),
Susannah Fawcett-Smith

The Class of 1990 celebrated their twenty year reunion on Saturday 12 June. As the sun set over Iona's Sports Centre, past pupils gathered from around the city, state and country. Some even flew in from overseas for this special celebration.

Current Principal Mrs Anne Pitos began official proceedings by updating the Class on what has been happening at Iona in recent times. Sister Mary Mackin continued, reminiscing about the past and answering many questions about the teachers of 1990, particularly about where they are now. Julie-Anne Bosich, Class of 1990 Head Girl, addressed her past classmates and thanked everyone for attending the reunion, whether they travelled from near or far.

Dinner in Claremont followed, organised by the Class of 1990.



Lisa Finnigan (Jenkins), Simone Fleay (Johnson),
Louise Carson (Giannagostino)



Julie-Anne Bosich, Tiffany Brown-Neaves,
Christine Norrish (Kelly)



Silvana Gohil (Varone), Anne Pitos (Principal)

On Saturday 14 August, past pupils from the Class of 1980 gathered in the Sports Centre foyer for their thirty year reunion. As has become customary at reunions, the group marveled at the Sports Centre and the development of the College's facilities since they graduated.

The night was an opportunity for old friends to catch-up and reminisce about past times. The group was entertained by Iona's Flute Ensemble, and listened to stories about the College from Mrs Anne Pitos and Sister Mary Mackin. The women were particularly interested to hear about the many Presentation Sisters who had taught them and what they are doing now.

Dianne Hutchison (Eaton), who was Head Girl of the Class of 1980, also addressed the group. She spoke of the many changes in their lives over the years and made a toast to absent friends who could not be at the reunion.



Listening to the speeches



Deborah Searson (Gummer), Leanne Barton (Galipo),
Carmen James (Santa Maria)



Chrescentia Anthony (Joseph),
Lindsay Simon (Teacher), Gabrielle Bouffler (Jones)



Jennifer Brough (Exley), Leanne Barron, Kelly Duckworth

EVACUATION TO BEVERLEY



Back Row: Mary Franks, Pat Walton, Violet Chauncey, Mary Williams, Gwen Powell, Mary E, Joan Ryan, Iris Watts, Mary Ryan, Peg O'Neil, Margaret Chauncey.
Middle Row (Seated on the stool): Amelia Taylor, Maureen O'Sullivan, Roma Trinca, unknown, Gwen Sullivan, Lurline Fitzgerald, unknown, unknown, Gwen O'Sullivan, unknown, unknown, unknown.
Front row: unknown.

Can you help?

This photograph of the evacuees was donated to Iona Presentation College in 2002 by Gwen Steffen (Sullivan 1942), one of the students evacuated to Beverley. Many of the students in the picture have been identified. If you can help identify anyone else in the photo, or if you can add any further information or photographs, please contact us at espritdecorps@iona.wa.edu.au.

Do you know the impact World War II had on Iona Presentation College?

In 1942, when many feared the Second World War would impinge our shores, a small group of Iona students was evacuated to the Sacred Heart Convent at Beverley, about 130 kilometres east of Perth, on the Avon River.

The evacuees included approximately thirty boarders, along with Sisters Matthew Sheridan, Perpetua Townsend, Albeus Fahey and Pius McGrath. The group was joined by six students from other private schools, as well as a few younger brothers of some of the students.

As the Convent at Beverley already had about twenty boarders, the Sisters rented a house to help accommodate the additional children. Extra desks, kitchen utensils, furnishings and other school items were transported from Iona to Beverley.

Everyone developed a sense of teamwork to assist with the temporary arrangements. Despite being away from the city, all candidates successfully passed their Public Examinations at the end of 1942.

During the evacuation year, a skeleton staff remained at Iona in Mosman Park to maintain the day school. In 1943, the threat of invasion had passed and the evacuees returned to Perth.

Thanks to the work of historian Ruth Marchant James, Sister Irene Young (Archivist for the Presentation Sisters, Western Australia) and Dr Margaret Pember (Iona College Archivist), we are able to learn more about some of the fascinating aspects of Iona's history. We are also indebted to the Presentation Sisters, staff and past pupils who generously share their memories of Iona's past.

Marchant James, R. 1996, Cork to Capricorn: a history of the Presentation Sisters in Western Australia 1891-1991, Frank Daniels Pty Ltd, Perth, WA.



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