Introduction

Mary MacKillop College is a Catholic school for girls owned and governed by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. We honour these historical and existing connections and look to the future with hope and a sense of purpose to continually develop a faith filled community inspired by the service of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia’s first saint.

Our College is small in terms of student numbers and that enables strong and enduring relationships to be developed quickly between staff and students. These quality relationships go hand in hand with quality teaching and learning. Our girls feel at home and very much part of the College community.

Our College has adopted the motto ‘Know More, Do More, Be More.’ This motto assists staff and students to focus on what we are aiming to achieve at Mary MacKillop College. Young women skilful and knowledgeable, active in their learning and co-constructors of new knowledge, open to challenging opportunities, and a sense of service and spirituality inspired by our Josephite tradition.

Inspired by the life of Mary MacKillop, our Strategic Plan for 2015-2018 has five areas of focus:

1. Faith
2. Learning
3. Wellbeing
4. Resources
5. Relationships

These focal points will help us to navigate our way into the future with clear and strategic intent.

This Strategic Plan builds on from the Mary MacKillop College 2011-2014 Strategic Plan.
Our Vision
To be an outstanding Catholic girls’ school that is known for excellence in education and leadership for girls, pastoral care and academic results. This excellence is brought to fruition through holistic, inspiring and enabling education that leads our students to ‘Know more, Do more and Be more’.

Our Mission
Mary MacKillop was a courageous pioneer and visionary leader. She established a new religious order of sisters and led a radical new approach to education in Australia. While embracing the poorest and most marginalised, she also displayed extraordinary courage and strength of character when facing many challenges.

Following her example and continuing the legacy of Mary MacKillop, we are a community that welcomes all in the name of Jesus Christ, strives to develop the potential of each individual, responds to the needs of the individual, has a commitment to simplicity of lifestyle and has a special concern for those most in need.

Our Values
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop was:
• A woman of faith and courage.
• A woman of strength and perseverance.
• A woman of compassion and unfailing love.

It is these values that our school community lives by: demonstrated in our work ethic, communication, celebrations and actions.
Mary MacKillop was a leading pioneer whose life was inspired by a faith in action. We are a Josephite community, committed to social justice, loving relationships and service in the world. We are a school community committed to developing a confidence in our knowledge of the Catholic Church remembering that we are grounded in this story of faith, tradition and ritual.

By the end of 2018 we will have:

1.1 Renewed and developed our knowledge and understanding of the Charism of the Sisters of St Joseph and the work of Mary MacKillop.

1.2 Prepared for and celebrated 150 years of Josephite education in Australia.

1.3 Celebrated the diversity of the College community through symbol, prayer and liturgy.

1.4 Reviewed and enriched social justice and retreat activities.

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Mary MacKillop sought to encourage the potential in every person. She saw beyond poverty or disadvantage to the heart of the human being, filled with unique gifts and talents.

By the end of 2018 we will have:

2.1 Developed a culture of academically enabled staff who are committed to excellence in education.

2.2 Completed the implementation of the SEQTA Learning Management System.

2.3 Provided significant leadership opportunities and professional learning for staff.

2.4 Engaged with and reviewed our Teaching & Learning Charter.
The wellbeing of our students is at the heart of who we are as a Catholic community. We strive to educate each individual to be the best she can be. We want MacKillop girls to be confident, well prepared and well equipped for a future where they can rightfully take their place as great contributors to our world.

By the end of 2018 we will have:

3.1 Reviewed, designed and implemented the Pastoral Care Program to ensure it is purposeful, relevant and well resourced.

3.2 Reviewed, designed and implemented the Student Leadership Development Program.

3.3 Reviewed, designed and implemented Parent Workshops that support our families as they care for their daughters.

3.4 Developed a Professional Learning Program for staff to ensure excellence in wellbeing outcomes.
By the end of 2018 we will have:

4.1 Reviewed the new master plan and committed to one major and one minor project in each alternate year.

4.2 Undertaken annual ICT planning ensuring that the best possible educational ICT resources are in place within the College.

4.3 Planned for the implementation of Year 7 at Mary MacKillop College in 2019.

4.4 Explored opportunities for new structures and arrangements for the future sustainability of the College.

4.5 Maintained our enrolments at a level that ensures excellent educational provision for girls.

“Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God.”

Mary MacKillop, 1891
As a Josephite school we seek to be people of mission by engaging with the wider community and outside organisations. Like Mary MacKillop, we must be prepared to understand and relate with all aspects of the world. We educate our students to be politically, socially and economically aware so that they can take part and contribute to all aspects of building a social just world.

By the end of 2018 we will have:

5.1 Strengthened our relationships with local primary schools, particularly our Josephite primary schools, so that in partnership we are able to care for our families.

5.2 Developed strategic partnerships with the University of South Australia, Adelaide University and Flinders University including pathways, information and opportunities for senior students.

5.3 Actively sought out deeper engagement with parents and old scholars through a targeted communication plan and series of related activities.

5.4 Explored and developed a stronger relationship with St Capitanio School in Japan.
A Catholic Secondary College for girls, educating in the spirit of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

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