



Important Dates

**Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday**

Monday 13 June 2022

**Whole School
Photos**

Wednesday 15 June 2022

Corpus Christi Mass

Thursday 16 June 2022

AFL Day

Friday 17 June 2022

**MacKillop Big
Freeze**

Friday 17 June 2022

**Year 11 Exams
Commence**

Monday 20 June 2022

**Year 10 Futures
Week Commence**

Monday 20 June 2022

**Year 11 Exams
Conclude**

Thursday 23 June 2022

**Year 10 Futures
Week Conclude**

Thursday 23 June 2022

**Semester
Changeover /
Student Free Day**

Friday 24 June 2022

**Semester 2
Commences**

Monday 27 June 2022

**Year 12 Retreat
Commences**

Wednesday 29 June 2022

**Year 12 Retreat
Concludes**

Friday 1 July 2022

**Year 10
Immunisations
(Second Visit)**

Good News
Assembly

Thursday 7 July 2022

Term 2 Concludes

Friday 8 July 2022

From the Principal

Kath McGuigan



This week is Reconciliation Week and I have been delighted to see us all involved in a range of activities to acknowledge the struggles that our Indigenous brothers and sisters have gone through since the time the British landed in Australia, and to pray and hope for a better future.

Staff and students were involved in a public artwork, which is displayed on the fence facing High Street. This year's theme, "Be Brave, Make Change" is highlighted through a rainbow serpent made up of different coloured foam hands. The linking hands show our support of Australia's First Nations people and the diversity of our community. Our display was also in celebration of the Indigenous Netball Round held nationally and on our courts on Saturday 4 June.

I came to Australia in 1985 and did not know much about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Culture at that time.

I had seen documentaries in the UK by the Australian journalist, John Pilger, who talked about many of the terrible things that Aboriginal people had gone through.

Once in Australia, I read widely and watched movies to find out what I could about Indigenous culture and history. It also helped that I travelled quite a bit around the country and learnt more through visiting different parts of Australia and the Torres Strait Islands.

I was surprised to find out that it was only in 1962 that the Electoral Act was amended so that Aboriginal people could vote but it was not compulsory, and that Aboriginal people were not counted on the Census until 1971.

Through films like 'The Rabbit Proof Fence, The Sapphires, Samson and Delilah, Walkabout and In my blood, it runs', we can understand some of the history, trauma and struggles of Aboriginal people in Australia. I encourage you to watch some of these movies (Please note the rating guidance on some of these films.)

Evonne Goolagong, Cathy Freeman, Adam Goodes and of course Ash Barty are all excellent athletes and role models for all Australians and in particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We learn through the stories of these sports people and how they now pay it forward through foundations and activism, striving to improve the lives of Indigenous people. Aboriginal people have worked hard to bring attention to the many inequalities that still exist. Low levels of literacy and poor health outcomes are two areas where a lot of work needs to be done.

You might not be aware that an old scholar of ours, Jada Alberts is an Australian actor, playwright and director. You might have seen them in the ABC drama series Mystery Road and Cleverman.

I thank everyone who has worked hard to make Reconciliation Week a success and hope that we can build on this year by year. You never know one day we might be able to get Jada Alberts to come to an Assembly!

Kath McGuigan

Principal

From the Religious Education Coordinator

Adriana Sotira



Our Retreat Program aims to provide the opportunity for each year level to participate in a Retreat.

Year 7 Retreat: In the footsteps of Mary MacKillop... in Kensington

On Thursday 24 May the Year 7 students were fortunate to attend a retreat focusing on the life and work of St Mary of Cross MacKillop in Kensington. The students were able to go on a guided walk around Kensington to visit significant places visited by Mary MacKillop. They also spent time in St Ignatius Parish Hall, learning more about themselves, connecting with one another and God. Below are some comments by the students on their experience.

"We had the opportunity to walk around Kensington and learn all about Mary MacKillop, the Sisters of Saint Joseph and other

people in Mary's life. The entire day was filled with fun activities and delicious pizza for lunch. The highlight for me was the walk around Kensington and the meditation because it really helped all of us connect to Mary MacKillop, God and ourselves." - Ava

"My favourite parts of the day included the various activities, Catholic Aerobics, watercolour painting on a canvas, and creating a dance and verse to our school anthem, Mary's Vision. Overall, the Retreat was enjoyable and we are so glad for the opportunity to get to know each other a little bit more. We would like to thank all the teachers for looking after us and leading the activities, as well as the Peer Support Leaders for helping us on the day." - Savannah

Year 10 Retreat: In the footsteps of Mary MacKillop... social justice in the city

On Friday 3 June two Year 10 classes (10B and 10G) were given the opportunity to embrace one of Mary MacKillop's qualities of a Woman of Justice by visiting various Catholic organisations who help the homeless. These were Vinnies Men's Night Shelter and Women's Crisis Centre, as well as Centacare. The day began by visiting St Francis Xavier Cathedral where the students prayed for all the people who are experiencing homelessness. This was followed by visiting the various homeless centres. Afterwards they engaged in discussions and activities at Cathedral Hall and in true Mary MacKillop spirit they put faith into action by creating bags of love for those who are experiencing homelessness. Below are some comments by the Year 10 students on their experience.

"The highlight was making the gift bags as it was a fun activity and felt good as we were providing for those in need." - Crystelle

"I learnt that there are people who are suffering without essentials like a place to sleep, food, water, and money. I learnt this visually by going to the St Vincent De Paul Male Crisis Centre." - Chantel

"I learnt a lot about the cathedral and its history, it's the oldest running cathedral in Australia and took 150 years to build." - Ella

"I think the highlight was seeing the shelter, and how it's a good place for people who are experiencing homelessness. The people at the shelter want to give back to the community, by helping those experiencing homelessness." - Olivia

A thank you letter from the Director of Centacare was received "On behalf of Centacare, I would like to thank you for the generous donation packs of essential items for our Youth Homelessness Services. I acknowledge the care and effort put in the creation of these packs. We appreciate the personal touch of adding drawings and messages on the bags. Again, on behalf of Centacare and the clients who will benefit these gifts, please accept our genuine thanks".

Adriana Sotira

Religious Education Coordinator

Year 7 Retreat Gallery



Year 10 Retreat Gallery



From the Sports Coordinator

Zoe Politis



Term 2 Sports are well under way with the following teams:

- 2 badminton teams, one senior and one middle
- 1 open soccer team

- 14 netball teams

That is a total of 17 teams, 166 students and 23 coaches!

It has been wonderful to witness our old scholars establishing connections with our students by coaching teams. We have also for the first time inducted four current Year 12 students, Olimpia, Stella, Anida and Matilda, who are co-coaching teams this year.

Teams have shown great sportsmanship, competitiveness, improvement and some triumphant wins so far!

Knock Out Netball

Mary MacKillop hosted Walford School in Round 1 of open knock out netball. In true MacKillop spirit, the team showed optimism, resilience, connectedness and persistence, despite the scores in the first three quarters. The girls were not ready to give up! Our shooting accuracy, committed defence and an impressive midcourt were able to pull ahead for the first time in the fourth and final quarter. The final result was 53-48.

The Year 7/8 Knock Out Netball Team won their Round 1 match against Adelaide Botanic. It was such a fast paced and competitive game to witness. Congratulations to all!

The Year 9/10 Knock Out Netball Team unfortunately did not make it through to the next round. We are very proud of the team's efforts, with great competitiveness shown right till the end!

Saturday Sport Round 4 – Reconciliation Round

Saturday 4 June was Round 4 of Saturday Sport. As you all know it was also National Reconciliation Week.

Mary MacKillop students supported this year's theme of "Be Brave, Make Change" by wearing yellow ribbons, beginning their games with an Acknowledgement of Country, and selling 150 Reconciliation Donuts.

World Cup Futsal Competition

The Sports Captains, Tara, Ella, Matilda and Abigail are running a World Cup Futsal Competition at lunch this week. We have many countries entered and a variety of year levels. We are looking forward to seeing who makes the finals on Friday! The excitement is building and the gym will be bursting with cheers and spectators!



Year 7 Autumn Transition Morning

Mary Lepore



On Wednesday 1 June we welcomed our Year 7 2023 students to the College for their first of three Transition visits. A group of very excited yet nervous students began the day getting to know each other with various ice breaker activities, led by our Year 11 Peer Support Leaders.

Another part of the day's activities included an Escape Room, where students were divided into groups to complete a series of challenges based on transitioning to high school. These challenges allowed the students to consider ways in which they can best prepare for high school as well as addressing some concerns they may have about this significant step in their schooling. The students particularly enjoyed this activity as it allowed them to work collaboratively using creativity as was evident in their group names, The Best Escapers; The Detectives, The Rascals, The Artistic Leaves and Mary's Angels.

By the end of the Transition Morning, the students were still excited, but no longer nervous as they had experienced a wonderful day engaging with the activities, each other and our very welcoming Year 11 Peer Support Leaders.

We look forward to once again welcoming the Year 7 2023 students to our Winter Transition Morning next term.

Mary Lepore

Year 7 Pastoral Care Coordinator



Year 8 Camp

Ida Parente



On 16 May the Year 8 students and staff were fortunate enough to head off on the much awaited three-day Year 8 camp held at El Shaddai, Wellington. Although it was not the usual summer camp, we were blessed with lovely autumn weather which allowed students to engage in outdoors activities.

Students were challenged by the many and diverse activities which allowed them to step outside their comfort zone, embrace new

experiences, build confidence, trust, and respect in others and themselves, and take opportunities to enhance their social and emotional growth.

On the first night of camp, the dining room was transformed into an arena where each class chanted with power and determination, then worked in teams to test their knowledge in the Camp Quiz to win the elusive Omnibus Cup. The cup once again sits proudly in the 8 Blue classroom for another term.

It was a delight to see the students show persistence, teamwork and resilience in activities such as climbing vertical crates, handling reptiles, raft building, giant catapult, a scavenger hunt and the most popular, laser tag and archery.

Our Rite Journey Liturgy on Tuesday night marked a symbolic farewell to childhood and the acknowledgment of responsibilities and self-awareness that accompanies the shift to adolescence and adulthood with an optimistic outlook.

I would like to commend all Year 8 students for their respectful, positive behaviour and willingness to undertake the many activities with a growth mindset and an open heart.

A sincere thank you to the staff who attended, for their enthusiasm and support of an event which is, without doubt, a highlight of Year 8, but also an unforgettable treasure of special times at Mary MacKillop College.

Some thoughts from our students:

- I discovered curiosity drives you into the unknown, where you are open to new opportunities
- I am braver than I think I am, if I give things a go I can have a lot more fun...
- When faced with difficult situations, I can pull through and do what I need to do.
- I learnt to try new things at camp, stand up and have a go.
- In the Rite Journey Liturgy, I was able to think about myself and the person I want to be.
- Overall it made me see life in a different way and understand how privileged I am.
- Most importantly we were able to make memories that we will cherish in the future.

Ida Parente

Year 8 Pastoral Care Coordinator



The Arts @ MMC - St Joseph's Memorial School Performance

Rachel Scott



Year 7-9 Dance and Drama students were delighted to present the first half of the production "Journey to Oz" to Year 4 students from St Joseph's Memorial. The performance was a glimpse of what to expect on September 29th at the Golden Grove Arts Centre when classes will come together to perform the full show. Munchkins, scarecrows, robots and lion dance performers took to the stage, ensuring Dorothy and her friends had an eventful journey. Year 9 Drama students worked extremely hard to learn lines, develop characterisation and perfect their backstage roles in preparation for this drama assessment.

Here are some reflections from our Year 4 visitors.

"I felt bad for Dorothy when they were bullying her. The dance was really good. The girl's flexibility was impressive. There was lots happening. They were inspiring me. When I am older, I would like to be in a show like that." - Amilda

"I thought it was really good because the performance had no mistakes, and the girls were showing enthusiasm to the audience. It was sad when Dorothy was getting bullied." - Leon

I really liked the dancing, music, acting and costumes. When I watched the play, it felt like I was actually in the world of Oz. I loved the characters and although I didn't see the whole thing, I wished I could watch more because it was the best play." - Sienna

"I was impressed with the effort and facial expressions. When Dorothy was getting bullied I loved how she acted like she was really getting bullied, although she wasn't. I loved the dancers, how they all danced at exactly the same time and their amazing costumes. They danced in partners and they danced alone, but all of it was in time with the music. That made it great. We also watched the bit with the scarecrows where they danced to the song 'If I only had a brain'. It was so funny! I loved the makeup they put on because it made them look like real scarecrows!" - Kalani

Thank you to St Joseph's Memorial for the enthusiasm you brought to the show. We are thrilled that you enjoyed it so much!

Congratulations to all of the students involved who have once again shown dedication to rehearsals and performed with confidence.

Rachel Scott

The Arts Leader of Learning





Health and Physical Education @ MMC - AFLW Guest Speaker

Kate Marks



On Tuesday 31 May the Year 7 cohort were fortunate enough to be a part of a presentation from Anne Hatchard and Sarah Allan from the AFLW Adelaide Crows Premiership team. Anne and Sarah shared their journey's from being young juniors playing a range of sports all the way to now and explained how they ventured into AFLW where they are now known as two very successful three-time AFLW premiership players. Anne and Sarah answered many questions from the Year 7s including who is the hardest team to play against? Do you enjoy a large or a small crowd? Do you get nervous before games, and what is your pre-game meal of choice? And more. It was a great experience for our Year 7s (as well as the PE teachers) to learn more about women's AFL and to gain a stronger understanding of the importance of girl's and women's involvement in sport not only for performance, but for lifelong health, resilience, and friendships. The Year 7s finished the presentation with plenty of photos and selfies with Anne and Sarah as well as being lucky enough to hold the 2022 AFLW premiership cup which was allowed to leave the clubs trophy cabinet for the first time in AFLW history.



Year 7 Science: Bubble Mixture Investigation

In Year 7 Science we have started learning about Mixtures. As an introduction to this topic we conducted an investigation where we changed the components of a bubble mixture to see the effects it would have on the mixtures' properties (e.g. longer lasting bubbles, bigger bubbles, etc).

We made three different types of bubble mixture. The first two mixtures consisted of the same ingredients (baby shampoo & water), however, different amounts of each ingredient. The third mixture had the same ingredients as the first two, but with glycerine and gelatine added.

We got to experiment with different types of bubbles, and we made our own bubble blowers out of wire, pipe cleaners, and straws. The three types of bubble mixtures we made were, thick and bouncy. Some of us found that the bouncy and thick ones were the best because they made the biggest bubble, and we could hold them if our hands had lots of the mixtures on them.

In the end, every group put all their mixtures in a large tray, and we made a huge bubble blower. We tried to make a very big bubble, but it wasn't strong enough most of the time, so we only made one big one. We made a mess, but we enjoyed it and had lots of fun. We learnt lots about mixtures and cannot wait to do more interesting mixture experiments.

Holly and Makayla

Year 7 Students

Magill Sunrise Rotary Club Breakfast

On Tuesday 17 May, students who attended the Santos Science Experience in December 2021, were invited to address Magill Sunrise Rotary club members at their May breakfast meeting.

Simon Brewer (President) has forwarded a copy of the Magill Sunrise Rotary Club bulletin and I would like to share what he wrote about the students' presentation with the school community.

"It was a superb experience to welcome the students we supported on the Science Experience to find out how it all went. And just wow! It was extremely clear that this experience opened eyes and minds and was potentially life changing for all involved.

Our students were from Years 10 & 11 and all were considering various STEM-related courses, so going to see how that works at University was very valuable.

In a social sense we heard how some had connected with others on the program who had come from regional areas like Mount Gambier, so they got a sense of the challenges involved in attending University from that origin.

There were also some very practical aspects about the different campuses that took some getting used to, such as the distances involved in getting to some campuses and the scale of them.

Although they all had an interest in STEM-related courses, they found out that there was quite a bit more to it than they thought, and they will have to keep an open mind to the courses they do. As an example, one remarked that they had not really considered Biology as a Year 11/12 subject because they didn't see how it related to their Uni pathway, but after visiting they now understand better and will likely consider that pathway. Others remarked how they had never considered mixed degrees, such as Politics + Science, but they could now see the benefits in considering those approaches.

A great aspect they also talked about was the group discussions, where they had and the chance to hear lecturers and how they work at Uni. They had pop quizzes at the end of each day to elicit more thought about what they had seen.

Overall, the great thing I picked up was that this had made these extremely intelligent and capable young women excited for their futures and keen to study hard to get the grades they need to move forward. It's wonderful to see the leaders of the future shaping up at this young age ready to face to world and make a difference.

From our perspective this could not have been more in line with the Rotary International theme for this year – Serve to Change Lives. By making this happen for these students it's very clear we're fulfilling that brief!"

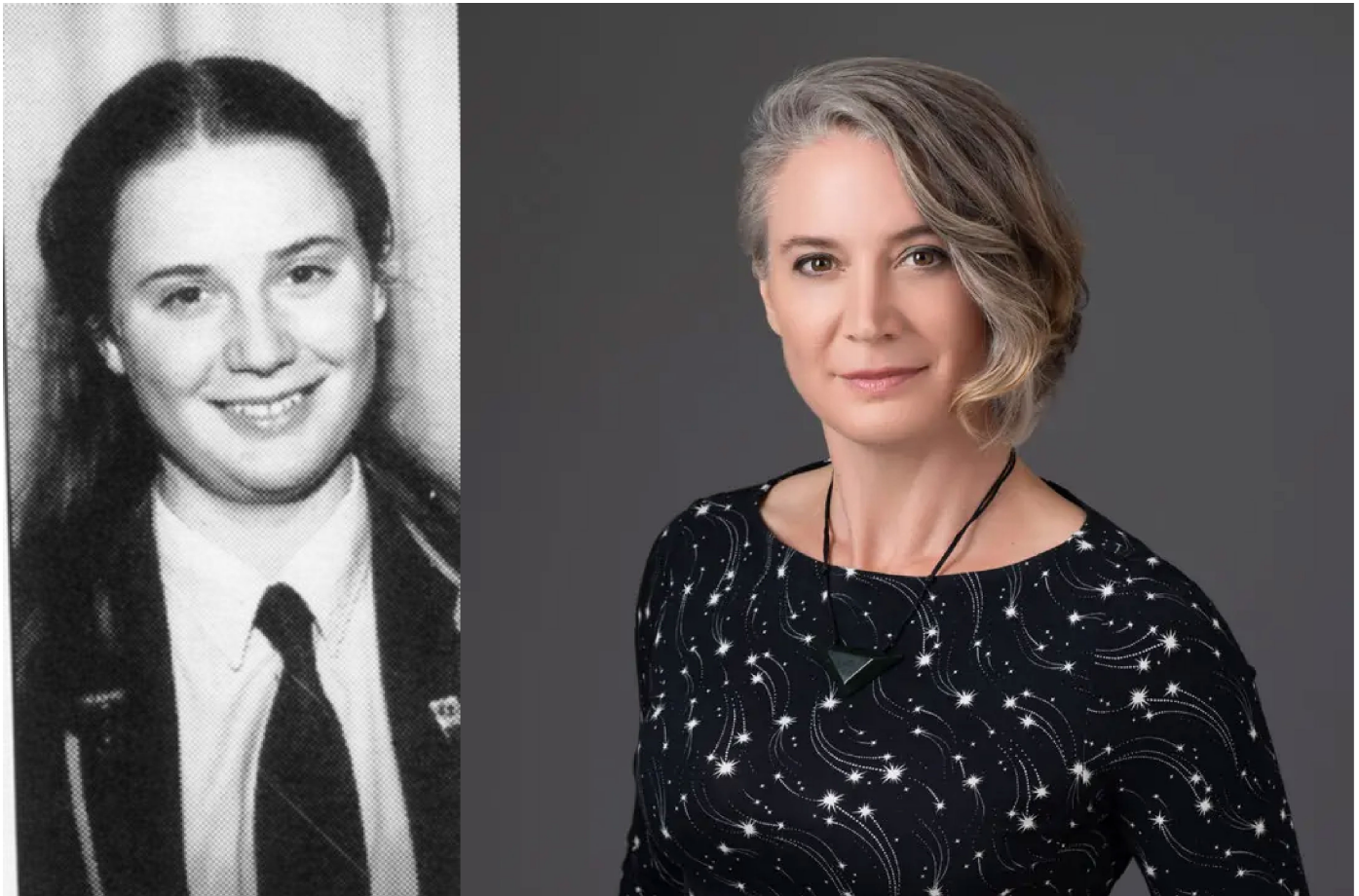
The Santos Science Experience is a nationwide STEM outreach programme which aims to provide Year 9 and 10 students with an opportunity to explore a range of STEM related careers and University courses. As a result of this experience, another group of MacKillop students can now more confidently make informed decisions about future subject choices and courses of study involving STEM or aspects of STEM upon leaving MacKillop. Applications for the above programme are now open. If your daughter is interested, further information about the application process can be obtained from Mrs Spizzo (Science Leader of Learning).

Josie Spizzo

Science Leader of Learning



Old Scholar News - Jessica Dempsey



A Stellar Career

Old Scholar, Prof Dr Jessica Dempsey has been reaching for the stars since leaving the College.

As a student of Mary MacKillop College from 1991 to 1995, Jessica embraced College life and every opportunity that presented itself with zeal. Accompanying her success in academic pursuits, Jessica was also a talented singer, musician, actor, public speaker and writer. As well as receiving numerous awards for her academic pursuits and extracurricular activities during her first four years at the College, in her final year of secondary school Jessica was recognised for her many gifts. She was the recipient of:

- the inaugural Max Harris Award for Writing
- the Mary MacKillop Medal for All-Round Excellence
- the English Literature Prize
- the Girardi Family Drama Award
- the Mary MacKillop Prize for High Achievement in Science and participation in National Science Summer School
- the award for Citizenship and Service to the School Community
- an Outstanding Service to Music Award.

With interests in both the Arts and Science, her future path unfolded when Physics Teacher, Gavin Haydn and Science Leader of Learning, Josie Spizzo encouraged her to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in Year 11. Her positive experience at the forum and her interactions with the scientists there, especially Dr Rod Jory, whom she had the most profound respect and admiration for, influenced her decision to pursue post-secondary studies in Physics at the University of Adelaide.

In the 1995 Mary MacKillop College Yearbook Jessica wrote,

“In hindsight, I believe that the CRA National Science Summer School has affected me in ways which are difficult to describe, but with the motivation and inspiration that I now hold, I am hopeful that it will reflect in not only my Year 12 results but in my success in years to come.”

And succeed she has. In the years since, Jessica has had an illustrious career from being the first Australian female scientist to work at the geographic South Pole for her PhD studies, to working as Deputy Director of the East Asian Observatory in Hawaii.

In December 2021, Jessica was appointed the very prestigious position of Director of ASTRON, the Netherlands Institute for Radio Astronomy. [See full media release here.](#)

As a world-renowned astrophysicist, Jessica was a member of The Event Horizon Telescope Collaboration, that was awarded the Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics for capturing an image of a black hole for the first time.

As a College community we congratulate Jessica not only for her own stellar achievements but for her continued “commitment to creating greater diversity, equity and opportunity at all levels of astronomy and to enhancing opportunities for girls to become future leaders in science and technology careers”.

Embodying the spirit, tenacity, and strength of character of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Jessica is the epitome of what Mary would have called the courageous soul, pursuing a dream and a unique career. Her time at Mary MacKillop College encouraged her to “lose not one opportunity of merit that presents itself to you”.

Josie Spizzo, Kay Christopher and Mini Del Corso

Teachers of Prof Dr Jessica Dempsey

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability 2022

It is a government requirement for all schools to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

The NCCD collects data about school students with disability who are receiving adjustments across Australia in a consistent, reliable and systematic way. It enables schools, education authorities and governments to better understand the needs of students with disability and how they can be best supported at school (www.nccd.edu.au).

Information gathered is used:

- as an evidence base, to give teachers, schools and sectors information about students with disability and the level of educational adjustment being provided
- to inform policy development and future planning to better equip schools and education authorities to support students with disability

- to improve understanding of the requirements and responsibilities of school teams and the broader community under the DDA and the Standards
- to capture the work of schools under the obligations of the DDA and the Standards, allowing students with disability to access and participate in education on the same basis as other students
- to highlight the individual needs of each student with disability by focusing on the level of educational support provided to them at school (www.nccd.edu.au).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive

Students' personal details are de-identified as a part of the data collection. Please contact Inclusive Education Coordinator, [Leanne Carr](#) if you have any questions about the NCCD.

More information is available on the following website: <https://www.nccd.edu.au/>

[View this article online to read more](#)

Acknowledgement of Country



Mary MacKillop College acknowledges and pays respect to the Kurna people, the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we gather on. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of the Kurna people to country and we respect and value their past, present and ongoing connection to the land and cultural beliefs.

Opening Prayer



World Environment Day was Sunday 5 June , the 2022 theme was Only One Earth.

World Environment Day Prayer

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, founded on the covenant of your love.
Amen

Discover MacKillop



Principal's Tour

Wednesday 6 July, 9.30am

Principal's Tours are a great opportunity for prospective MacKillop girls and families to visit the College and to meet our Principal. You will meet senior staff and students on an intimate tour of the school and experience our warm hospitality. The tour concludes after one hour with light refreshments where you will have further opportunities to ask questions about your daughter's future with us.

[Book Now](#)

Enrol Now For 2023

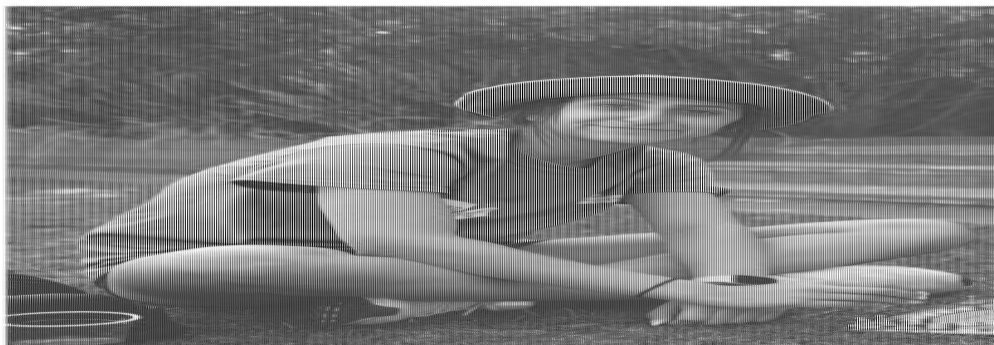
To enrol your daughter or for more information, please contact us via phone **(08) 8333 6300** or email admin@marymackillop.sa.edu.au

Please note, in order for your daughter to attend our Transition Mornings, the enrolment process must be completed and placement confirmed.

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Sony Foundation Australia

Children's Holiday Camp



Sunday 2 – Tuesday 4 October 2022

St Peter's College Boarding House

Hackney Road, St Peters

Wilderness School and St Peter's College are proud to be hosting the Sony Foundation Children's Holiday Camp for children between 8 and 14 years of age with special needs.

This camp is offered free of charge thanks to the Sony Foundation and the generosity of the school communities involved. The camp will offer a variety of activities including:

- Art and craft
- Dance and music
- Aquatic activities
- Mini fair

Year 11 students from Wilderness School and St Peter's College have been selected as companions for the campers. They will be provided with training and assisted by the camp coordinating team including nursing staff.

Please email by Thursday 30 June, 2022 sonycamp@wilderness.com.au if you have a child who is interested in participating.

In Memoriam: Helen Stasinowsky

1973



Mrs. Helen Stasinowsky
Music Teacher

1997



Mrs Stasinowsky

Helen Stasinowsky (85) passed away peacefully on Wednesday 25 May 2022 in Mt Gambier. Mary MacKillop College remembers her fondly as an accomplished musician, beloved coworker and supportive teacher.

Mrs Stasinowsky started at the College in 1973, retiring in 1997, where she taught music. For many years, music was literally at the heart of the school, with music classes being housed in Room 210, now the Year 12 Hub!

Upon Mrs Stasinowsky's retirement, Sr Margaret said, "Within the staff Helen was a loved colleague who enjoyed the companionship of her friends. She supported other staff in their endeavors...Her care of those in her charge was so obvious in the classroom, in her reports and in her relationship with the students."

Our hearts go out to her family at this time, and we thank her son Wayne for the generous donation of a number of music books which Mrs Stasinowsky used during her time at Mary MacKillop College.



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Junior Campus - **21 June**
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