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DESIGN TEAM LETTER

I USUALLY GIVE YOU A BIG SPIEL about all the changes we’ve made to the current edition of the Annual Magazine. But this time I’ll keep it short and sweet.

Since we live in a world where a lot of our communication is limited to just 140 characters (or sometimes just a simple emoji), we’ve decided to bring you a Yearbook that reflects this trend in our society.

You’ll enjoy less text and more photos, something you’ve probably been secretly demanding for ages. For that, you can thank my talented Design Team, who have brought you our biggest, simplest (and hopefully best) Yearbook yet.

aidan brunskill  
Magazine Editor



**THE COVER**  
This year’s double-sided cover was a collaboration between the Artist in Residence, Chelsea Agno, and the Design Team. We think this one might generate a wide range of opinions! Thanks to Ciaran French, who led the team in terms of concepts and designs.

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**Looking for Part Two?**  
Simply close the book, flip it over, and start again.







## the Twelve Months of

### 12 MONTHS

# 01

## January

Students commenced the school year in January this year, with Year 7 and the senior campus starting on Monday 30 January and Years 8 and 9 starting the following day.

# 02

## February

We hit the ground running (or was it *swimming?*), with the Swimming Carnival, Opening Mass, Year 12 Mentoring Day, school photos, and parent information nights keeping us busy as students settled into their new classes and responsibilities.

# 03

## March

The 1st of March signalled the start of the College's Caritas fundraising efforts. Throughout the month, Year 11 attended Retreat, teachers paused for their Staff Conference, Year 7 bonded through the Community Day, and the College ventured to the AIS for the Athletics Carnival.

# 04

## April

There was a lot of reflection for the students of MacKillop during the month of April, with parent/teacher interviews, school holidays, Easter liturgies (and Easter itself), and ANZAC ceremonies. Term 2 commenced after ANZAC Day on Wednesday 26 April.

# 05

## May

May is always a busy month for the promotion of MacKillop, with the College's Information Nights, Try MacKillop Day, Enrolment Period, and the Careers Expo. Students in Years 7 and 9 also took part in NAPLAN testing.

# 06

## June

While seniors were taking their exams, Wanniassa students were taking part in a range of pastoral programs, such as Year 7 Camp, Year 9 Transition Day, the Year 8 pilgrimage to Sydney, and a range of other team-building activities. Year 10 also took part in reflection days and course counselling.

# 07

## July

After enjoying the school holidays, students returned for Term 3 in mid-July. The biggest highlight of the month was the College Musical, *Hairspray Jr*, which ran over four nights at the Wanniassa Campus Theatre.

# 08

## August

August was a massive month for the College, with the Performing Arts Camp, Variety Night, Science Week, and Book Week. Year 12 also travelled to Collaroy to spend three days on Retreat – a timely reflection for students with just one final semester of school ahead of them.

# 09

## September

The highlight of the school year for most students is MacKillop Day, which took place on 8 September. For Year 12, it was the perfect opportunity to relax after completing the AST earlier that week. Before the end of Term 3, Year 10 dressed to impress for the Spring Zing celebrations.

# 10

## October

Term 4 is always the busiest, and it lived up to expectations, with a lot of assessment for students and events like the Senior Hospitality Dinner, Outdoor Ed Camp, SRC elections, and parent/teacher interviews.

# 11

## November

The month of November went quickly for Year 12, who said goodbye to MacKillop at the Year 12 Breakfast and Farewell Assembly. Students at Isabella sat exams and Year 10 finished up the school year with Community Day and the Semester 2 Awards Assembly. Wanniassa students closed out the House Charity fundraising with Market Day.

# 12

## December

Year 12 celebrated its final event as a year group, with the Formal on 1 December signifying the cohort's graduation from MacKillop. Students in Years 7-9 finished the year with a range of events, including Year 10 2018 Transition Days, the Year 7-9 Community Day, and the Year 7-9 Mass and Awards.

AWARDS

# Awards.

Each year, St Mary MacKillop College celebrates and honours students who have excelled in academic achievement, in extra-curricular endeavours, and through service to the College and wider community. These students are presented with awards at a range of different ceremonies and assemblies.

The College congratulates the recipients of these awards for 2017.

## Year 9 Awards



**DARCY KINSELLA**  
PENOLA AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



**JULIA DEL BIANCO**  
MACKILLOP MEDAL FOR WITNESS TO THE COLLEGE VISION



**DARCY KINSELLA**  
PAUL BUTZ 'OMNIA OPTIME' AWARD



**BENJAMIN ANDERSON**  
MACKILLOP SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR



**ABIGAIL TAUNTON**  
MACKILLOP SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

## Year 7 Awards



**AARON NGUYEN**  
PENOLA AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



**CHLOE ARNOLD**  
MACKILLOP MEDAL FOR WITNESS TO THE COLLEGE VISION



**JAMES SMITH**  
MACKILLOP SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR



**CHLOE ARNOLD**  
MACKILLOP SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

## Year 10 Awards



**AMBER THORNTON**  
PENOLA AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



**ASHLEY SCENSOR**  
MACKILLOP MEDAL FOR WITNESS TO THE COLLEGE VISION



**ETHAN HAMILL**  
MACKILLOP MEDAL FOR WITNESS TO THE COLLEGE VISION



**MADELINE BARBIC**  
ST MARY MACKILLOP AWARD FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

## Year 8 Awards



**SAMANTHA URBANIAK**  
PENOLA AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



**LILLY VASSALLO**  
PENOLA AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



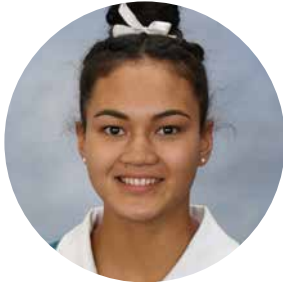
**SAMANTHA URBANIAK**  
MACKILLOP MEDAL FOR WITNESS TO THE COLLEGE VISION



**RILEY LOUGHLIN**  
MACKILLOP SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR



**MARA BROPHY**  
MACKILLOP SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR



**GABRIELLE PETERSEN**  
ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE ALL ROUNDER AWARD



**CHRISTOPHER CARUANA**  
MACKILLOP SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR



**GABRIELLE PETERSEN**  
MACKILLOP SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR



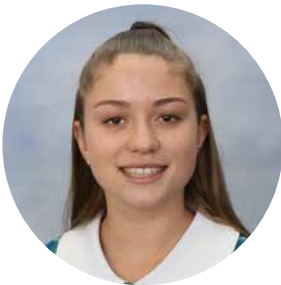
**MEGAN GIUDES**  
ACU MOST IMPROVED AWARD/SCHOLARSHIP



AWARDS

AWARDS

Year 10 Scholarships



**KATE CARUANA**  
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP



**FELIX HUBER**  
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP



**KENDALL OAKMAN**  
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP



**ANGELA RUSANOV**  
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP



**ABIGAIL ADERA**  
COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP



**ALEXIS LANUZA**  
COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP



**JOSHUA DEZMAN**  
VIKINGS SCHOLARSHIP



**ZOE EVANS**  
VIKINGS SCHOLARSHIP

Year 11 Awards



**JAMES CRISPIN**  
PENOLA AWARD FOR  
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



**AISLING KINSELLA**  
MACKILLOP MEDAL  
FOR WITNESS TO THE  
COLLEGE VISION



**HARLEEN KAUR**  
ST MARY MACKILLOP  
AWARD FOR CHRISTIAN  
LEADERSHIP



**JACK SEVERS**  
MACKILLOP SPORTSMAN  
OF THE YEAR



**ALEXANDRA IMMONEN**  
MACKILLOP  
SPORTSWOMAN  
OF THE YEAR

Perpetual Awards  
for the Class of 2017



**JACK ADAMSON**  
THE PRINCIPAL'S  
AWARD



**MOLLY PHILPOT**  
ST MARY MACKILLOP AWARD  
FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP



**RYAN WALLS**  
SR NOELENE QUINANE AWARD  
FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



**JACK ADAMSON**  
TENISON WOODS STUDENT  
CHOICE AWARD



**REBECCA STODDART**  
ROHAN SCHULTZ 'PER  
ARDUA AD ASTRA' AWARD



**MOLLY PHILPOT**  
TEGAN BLUNT SOUTHERN  
CROSS SPORT AWARD



**JACK ADAMSON**  
JODIE HIGGINS CALTEX BEST  
ALL-ROUNDER AWARD



**NATASHA BRITTAIN**  
ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE  
CREATIVE ARTS AWARD



**ELSA HUBER**  
ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE  
CREATIVE ARTS AWARD



**MADDISON BANKS**  
THE ELITE ATHLETE  
AWARD



**REBECCA CROSS**  
THE ELITE ATHLETE  
AWARD

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MICHAEL LEE

WELCOME to the 2017 College Magazine, the tenth in my time as principal. The Magazine is always of high quality and seems to engage everybody in our community, and beyond, in the passage of the year, along with the spirit and energy so evident in this school. The genius of this annual achievement belongs to the Marketing and Communications Director, Aidan Brunskill, and his team of colleagues and students.

The aim of a school magazine is to chronicle the life and times of the year, but ours seeks to be more than this; to be able to convey to the reader the ethos and values of the school, the substance and character of our students and the relational culture that characterises our community. Aidan Brunskill embraces this challenge so well and helps to make our magazine's appearance a highlight of our calendar.

This year has not been without its disappointments and challenges and it would not be honest to overlook the fact that at times we were less than that to which we aspire.

Nevertheless, real pride can be taken in the many, many achievements of our students, whether they be found in the classroom, sporting endeavours, academic competition, in the overcoming of illness, or in their resilience in the face of misfortune. They are a source of real pride and affection.

The heralds of innovation in educational technologies have predicted the pending doom of teachers since the Gestetner Machine in the 1920s. Overhead projectors, white boards, epidiascopes, smart boards and computers were all supposed to put us out of a job. And yet, here we are!

As a prime motivator, guide, mentor, and challenger, the teacher who builds relationships based on best practice values and pedagogy will always be critical to the education experience.

The trust parents place in the school to support them in the raising of their children is key to the success of MacKillop. People looking for the values of inclusion, diversity, respect for difference and for the ideas of faith, hope and love usually find them here. The challenge for the College is to continue to find our strength in this trust, to rise to it and to cherish it. Investing in staff who, although varied in talents and backgrounds, share and live by these values in the surest way to sustain what we stand for.

The end of 2017 now marks 20 years since our unhappy amalgamation, born as it was from a committee and a report and perhaps imposed on two schools rather than springing from their own communities. We are in a different place now: highly favoured, financially prudent, academically successful and secure in our future.

To be faithful to our values, wise in our experience, and mindful that our past is only a platform for a better future is our only sure way of enhancement.

I am grateful for the many blessings God's Providence has bestowed upon each of us. May the story of the manger be heard by each of you this Christmas, heard in a fresh and profound voice. The love of forgiveness, redemption, and salvation is there again for us all.

Yours sincerely in St Mary MacKillop,

*michael lee*

College Principal



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BE FOUND IN THE  
CLASSROOM, IN  
SPORTING ENDEAVOURS,  
OR IN THEIR  
RESILIENCE IN THE  
FACE OF MISFORTUNE.



# COLLEGE CAPTAINS

A LOOK BACK AT 2017  
GRACE BOWYER + SAM MCDONOUGH

WHAT A YEAR 2017 has been! Although it has been a busy year, it has also been a very successful one, and we have all of you to thank for that!

The SRC had a busy start to the year, so as school leaders we were thrown in the deep end (literally), with the Swimming and Athletics Carnivals both taking place in the early weeks of the year. With attendance at an all-time high, MacKillop showed us quite quickly that an awesome year awaited us!

As College Captains, it was a privilege to be part of so many school events – things like school masses, visits to primary schools, promoting the College, meeting with the School Board, fundraising initiatives, community days, and other special events.

Sadly, our time at MacKillop has now come to an end. Without a doubt, this year has been a highlight for both of us. Thank you to everyone who made our experience – and the experience of the rest of the Class of 2017 – so memorable. You are all incredibly special to us, and we feel so privileged to have been your College Captains in 2017.

*"THANK YOU TO EVERYONE  
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THE REST OF THE CLASS  
OF 2017 - SO MEMORABLE."*

To MacKillop's Graduating Class – our Year 12 buddies – we wish you the best of luck for your future endeavours. Your participation this year was phenomenal, especially with important causes like Relay for Life and Caritas. For many of us, we have been together for six years. Even though it has been incredibly sad to say goodbye to our good friends, this is an exciting time. To the rest of MacKillop, good luck in the future. Your smiling faces made coming to school every day even more enjoyable.

Good luck to the 2018 leaders, Sarah and Thomas. We know you will do great!

Thank you for this amazing experience, MacKillop. It's been REAL!

*grace bowyer + sam mcdonough*

College Captains



GRACE  
BOWYER



SAM  
MCDONOUGH

# PORTFOLIO

# CAPTAINS



## PORTFOLIO REPORT: FAITH+COMMUNITY

2017 WAS A YEAR like no other. I was constantly overwhelmed by the participation and eagerness of the MacKillop community. The willingness to get on board with our fundraising initiatives, House Charities and school events never left me disappointed and I have no doubt that this will carry on in the future.

Not only was this year a year of incredible participation but also record-breaking fundraising efforts. Raising \$20,000 for Caritas, \$10,000 for Relay for Life and even more for each of our House Charities, the students at MacKillop have constantly gone flat out to make a difference in the community.

I have loved the opportunity to play a part in leading such an incredible school. The passion that the teachers have for each and every student is simply out of this world and the energy brought by the students is much the same. The community aspect is one of MacKillop's greatest assets and something I will miss.

I can't thank everyone enough for all of the support they have given me this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed each and every year spent here at MacKillop, but this one was simply the icing on the cake.

*molly philpott*

Faith and Community Captain

## PORTFOLIO REPORT: SUSTAINABILITY

WOW, SUSTAINABILITY! This year, I really wanted to broaden the meaning of this role to sustainable well-being as well as sustaining the environment. For example, to promote the importance of sustainable mental health, I co-organised Stress Less Week on the Isabella campus the week before Semester 1 exams. This initiative was created to remind students that sustaining their mental health should always be a top priority, even during stressful times!

Helping Mrs Rangwalla to organise the Parliamentary of Youth on Sustainability helped me to incorporate the environmental aspect of my role as well and I really encourage next year's captain to build up the event heaps!

I would like to thank the other members of the SRC for their help and support throughout the year and especially the students and teachers for getting involved and making this year such an amazing success!

*lauren frost*

Sustainability Captain

## PORTFOLIO REPORT: SPORT

REMEMBER 2017 as the year where sport at MacKillop went off like a frog in a sock. There is no other way of explaining the dynamic and astronomical impact it has had across our grounds; and for starters that has nothing to do with me, but rather the willingness to participate accompanied by the ballistic enthusiasm everyone dished up across both campuses. Words can't describe how truly blessed I have been to have worked with eager, dedicated and incredible staff members and students. Whether it be gala days, sports programs, the carnivals or just running flatsticks with mates at recess and lunch, participation has sky rocketed, binding us all and making us that little bit stronger.

I know I am dropping the badge into a safe pair of hands. Good luck Hatchy, have a little faith, back yourself and I am sure you will have the entire MacKillop community behind you. To everyone - this is it, I am out. What an opportunity. It has truly been a pleasure and I can't thank you all enough. I don't care how talented you are, on or off the sporting field, give everything a red-hot crack. Be you and be the best you. All the best with everything. Cheers!

*jack adamson*

Sport Captain

## PORTFOLIO REPORT: PERFORMING ARTS

MUSICAL! VARIETY NIGHT! Acting Up! Assemblies! Drama performances! Dance Fest! Boys Dance group! So many great highlights for us this year. The performances, in my opinion, really showcased the pure talent and inspiration we have at this College. It has been an absolute honour to be the student representative for Performing Arts.

Back in July, the College put on 'Hairspray Jr' The musical. I think I can speak on behalf of the entire cast when I say that this was a defining moment in our time at MacKillop. The final curtain had only just been drawn when we were auditioning the best dancers, singers and actors for Variety Night in August, and what a raging success it was.

Now that the stage has had time to settle, we have been able to reflect on just how successful we have been lifting the profile of Performing Arts. On a personal note, it has been an honour to be the student rep for this dynamic department. Thank you to everyone who has supported our endeavours - it's been a blast!

*natasha brittain*

Performing Arts Captain



## GURABANG



WE HAD an absolute GuraBANGER of a year with you guys! We couldn't be prouder of the fight and spirit all our Earthlings showed through out the year. It was so good to see so many of us get involved in our Swimming Carnival theme, Soliders, and the joint theme of 80's Aerobics at the Athletics Carnival. It was also good to see so many funds raised for BeyondBlue and mental health awareness throughout our charity week.

Like our new house motto, Give Hope to Despair, although we didn't win, we won't let it get us down. It will be sad to leave our Gurabang fam, but once a Gurabanger, always a Gurabanger! WITH OUR SPIRIT SO STRONG, WE WILL NEVER GO WRONG 'CAUSE WE ARE GURABANG! Good luck next year!

*jessica bui + connor ingram*

MINDY  
-GARI

AS THE sun set on another year, Mindygari had clocked up 18 consecutive years of failed campaigns. It looked as though the curse of the West Wind was sure to have its hold on our house for ETERNITY! Echoes of little Jimmy Rottensock's disapproving chant "Air House, worst House!" whipped through our ears. Our response: "Not today, my good man!" In 2017, we made a liar of little Jimmy Rottensocks! We broke the curse - we won the Championship Cup at the Swimming Carnival and powered on in the House fundraising, raising money for the Cancer Council ACT. We want to say a huge thank you to Mindygari for the effort each student put in this year and we wish you all the best in keeping little Jimmy Rottensocks a liar!

*sam ferguson + sophie dunn*

## HOUSE

## CAPTAINS

MEUP  
MEUP

2017 WAS a rewarding year for both of us. We had the chance to be involved in many awesome events such as the carnivals, leadership days, the House Charity weeks, MacKillop Day, and many other school events. Each event has been a success and we are both very privileged to have had this opportunity to further our leadership capabilities and to reach out to not only our own year group but the rest of the College as well. The most rewarding event, looking back on this year, was definitely the Athletics Carnival where we came away with both the Spirit and Championship cups with the massive help of each and every member of Meup Meup. Thank you to everyone who has helped throughout the year. You have been nothing but supportive and your efforts did not go unnoticed! We have an enormous appreciation for all that you do for Meup Meup. Cheers for a great year, MacKillop!

*maddie banks + benjamin schmidt*

## NGADYUNG



IT HAS been an eventful year for Ngdayung house, made possible by the outstanding support of all those who participated. Thus, the SRC members Mia, Scarlett, Luca, CJ, Sarah, and the two of us are without words for how thankful we are that everyone got involved with the Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival and House Charity events. It would not have been possible to win the Spirit cup at the Swimming carnival this year without the support of you all. A big thanks as well to the other houses and their respective leaders and to Mr Johnson, Mrs Bailey and Mr McNicol. Sadly, Bri and I must move on from our time as leaders of the most successful house at MacKillop, though we leave you in the more than capable hands of Abbey and Bastijn, the newly elected Water House captains.

*brianna caryinglys + riley shield*



### WANNIASSA CAMPUS CAPTAINS' REPORT

2017 HAS DEFINITELY been a year to remember for MacKillop on the Wanniassa Campus. So much has happened and it feels like the year has gone by so fast. We had no idea what this year was going to hold for us; we only knew that it was going to be challenging and a lot of fun.

We wanted to start the year off with a bang, so we jumped right in and began coming up with ideas for Caritas fundraising straight away. For the past few years the amount of money raised at Wanniassa had been getting higher and higher. We decided to see if we could push the limits and raise the total even further, to \$12,000. With a lot of amazing effort from everyone on the Wanniassa Campus, we made it to our total, raising the most money on the campus for Caritas so far. The fundraisers were fun and it was great seeing everyone getting involved.

In Terms 2 and 3 we had our House Charity fundraising events. These events were amazing but none of it would have been possible without the generosity and positive attitude from the students of the Wanniassa Campus. Having people come to us with their ideas has been amazing. We've loved seeing the spirit of the community become stronger over the past year.

The SRC team has been involved in many different events this year such as fundraising, community events, running the campus assemblies and leadership conferences which helped to build our strength as a team and as leaders. The experiences we've gained from these events will definitely stick with us for long time.

The 2017 SRC has been brilliant to work with. We could not have asked for a better team. The determination you guys have put in to this year has been amazing and we can't thank you enough. Being able to work with the captains on the senior campus has also been an honour. The amount of time and effort they have put into this year has been inspiring. We are leaving the Wanniassa Campus knowing that we gave it our all and have hopefully made a difference in the College. It has been an absolute privilege and an amazing experience to be the 2017 Campus Captains and one that we will remember long into the future.

*maddison coles + darcy kinsella*

Wanniassa Campus Captains



## JNR REPS

Year 7: Neika Henson (absent), Clare Levings, Amy Scott, Jonathon Silver

Year 8: Mia Cachia, Aaron Hilborn, Kira Tawton, Lilly Vassallo

Year 9: Mackenzie Alcock, Danita Brittain, Maddison Coles, Luca Gagliardi, Darcy Kinsella, Scarlett Kris, Owen Lever, Madison Lustri, Jackson Tippet, Ben Walker



## SNR REPS

Year 10: Caitlin Banton, Audrey Kent, Connor MacLachlan, Lauren Phillips

Year 11: Amber Brophy, Elle Caldwell, Harleen Kaur, Sarah Purcell

Year 12: Jack Adamson, Maddison Banks, Grace Bowyer, Natasha Brittain, Jessica Bui, Brianna Cayirlyls, Sophie Dunn, Sam Ferguson, Lauren Frost, Connor Ingram, Samuel McDonough, Molly Philpot, Benjamin Schmidt, Riley Shield.





# FAITH *and* COMMUNITY

## MACKILLOP TURNS 20!

CONGRATULATIONS, MACKILLOP: Now that it's the end of the 2017, MacKillop has completed its 20th year as a school! Having opened in 1998, following the amalgamation of Padua High School and St Peter's College, MacKillop has gone from strength to strength in its first two decades.

2018 is set to be a fun year for the College, with the official 'Giving thanks for 20 years' celebrations kicking off at the Opening Mass in March.

Here's hoping that the next 20 will be just as good, if not better, than the last!



LITURGY



### THE OPENING MASS

HELD ON Tuesday 28 February, the Opening Mass introduced us to the 2017 Liturgical Theme. As always, it was held at the Tuggeranong Basketball Stadium with over 2000 guests. Fr Warrick Tonkin celebrated the Mass with the support of Fr Lachlan Coll and Reverend Vince Barclay.



### CORPUS CHRISTI MASS

TO CELEBRATE St Mary MacKillop's (proper) Feast Day on 8 August, the College hosted a Mass at Corpus Christi Parish on Sunday 6 August. MacKillop students and staff read prayers and led the singing.



### ANZAC+EASTER LITURGIES

IN APRIL, on either side of the school holidays, liturgies were held at each campus to commemorate both Easter and ANZAC Day respectively. The ANZAC Liturgy, in particular, is always a special occasion, marked by respectfulness and dignity.



### MACKILLOP DAY

ONE OF the College's favourite days of the year in MacKillop Day. We celebrated with Mass and activities on Friday 8 September, precisely one month after the official Feast Day (on 8 August). Fr Warrick celebrated his last full-College Mass with us as Chaplain.



## ARCHBISHOP'S PILGRIMAGE

*students participate in pilgrimage to eden*

**S**TUDENTS FROM the College A Cappella group and Wanniasa SRC travelled with Mr Lee, Mr Wood and Mrs Maloney to Eden to participate in the Pilgrimage of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop to Eden.

Students met with students from Lumen Christi College, spending time in a Year 3 classroom and walking to the beach to converse with students from Year 10 about their differing education experiences.

Local historian, Mr John Liston, spoke to the students at MacKillop Hall in Eden, a place where Mary MacKillop herself had been and set up a school in the church building. Mr Liston spoke of Mary's contribution to the local community in response to the way the community looked after her mother Flora who died tragically off the coast of Eden on the Lye Moon. Students were treated to a visit to the Eden Killer Whale Museum, Rotary Park Lookout, and the Bundian Way, an ancient trade and cultural route.

Our Wanniasa SRC students walked the final stages of the pilgrimage to the Mass and our A Cappella led the reflection hymn "Bread of the World in Mercy Broken" by Jay Althouse.

The whole experience was moving for staff and students, where they were able to represent the College and learn more about our patron saint.

*nathan wood + alexis lanuza*  
Year 9 Coordinator      Year 10 Student



LITURGY

STAND FIRM  
IN THE FAITH;  
BE COURAGEOUS;  
BE STRONG.

*1 corinthians 16:13*  
LITURGICAL THEME 2017





FUNDRAISING/SOCIAL JUSTICE



# FUNDRAISING

## + SOCIAL JUSTICE

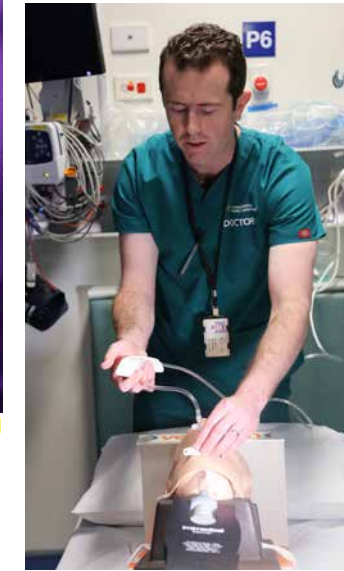
### PROJECT COMPASSION

#### COLLEGE KICKS NEW CARITAS GOAL

YOUR GENEROSITY only continues to grow, MacKillop.

For the first time ever, the College surpassed the elusive total of \$20,000 for its Project Compassion fundraising efforts. Having set that target for 2017, students and staff managed to raise an impressive \$20,575.91, beating last year's total (and the previous College record) by over \$1500.

Congratulations to all students, led by the SRC, who conducted a range of fundraising activities during the season of Lent. The money you raised will help the important work that Caritas does both in Australia and overseas.



## HOUSE CHARITIES



#### 1. CANCER COUNCIL ACT Mindygari

MacKillop had already supported Cancer Council ACT through the Relay for Life and Biggest Morning Tea before Mindygari dedicated its charity week to this worthy cause. As CEO Sandra Turner explained, Cancer Council's goal is to promote a healthier community by reducing the incidence and impact of cancer in the region, and our contributions will help support, prevention, and research programs.



#### 2. CANBERRA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION Ngadyung

The Canberra Hospital Foundation launched in 2011 and assists the Canberra Hospital (our local) to provide exceptional clinical care for the region. The foundation raises funds for equipment, research, and to enhance facilities. Ngadyung helped kick off its 2017/18 financial year fundraising, for which it has set a \$2m target. Hopefully our efforts will help the foundation achieve its goal.



#### 3. BEYONDBLUE Gurabang

According to beyondblue, some 3 million Australians are living with anxiety or depression, and there's no doubt that there are members of the MacKillop community who are among that statistic. beyondblue, supported by Gurabang in 2017, provides information and support to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health, whatever their age and wherever they live.



#### 4. NEW HOPE FOR CAMBODIAN CHILDREN Meup Meup

Meup Meup was the only House that continued to support its 2016 charity in 2017. New Hope for Cambodian Children, a charity Meup Meup has supported for a number of years now, is an orphanage for children with HIV and AIDS in Phnom Penh. It is also regularly visited by the College's World Challenge teams.

MacKillop's annual House Charity fundraising efforts kicked off in Week 6 of Term 2 and continued through to the end of Term 3. A particular feature of the fundraising efforts for 2017 was the inclusion of presentations by members of the charity organisations at College assemblies. This meant

that, although the goal was to raise funds for the charities, there was also a focus on raising awareness and raising the profile of these organisations. Thank you to all students who contributed to the cause, and congratulations to the House leaders at each campus for the organisation of fundraising events throughout the year.





## NEW COLLEGE RECORD IN RELAY FOR LIFE

ON SATURDAY 25 and Sunday 26 March, 110 Year 12 students made the trek to the AIS where they represented the College at the Cancer Council Relay For Life. Not only was MacKillop the largest team at the event but we also managed to raise the second highest total (and largest of any school), raising well over \$10,000.

It has become tradition for MacKillop's Year 12 class to take part in the Relay for Life each year, and we thank all who contributed to help us raise a new MacKillop record for the event.

Massive thanks also to all of the teachers who dropped by and in particular Mrs Durham, Mr Kain, Ms Fahey and Mr Crowe who stayed and supported us for the whole 24 hours.

*molly philpott*

Faith + Community Captain

## YEAR 12 LEADS BY EXAMPLE

*It's an awesome thing when those charged with leading do so by example. In 2017, Year 12 showed us the way through the Relay for Life and the St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol.*

## SEEING TO A NEED WITH ST VINCENT DE PAUL

WE WERE fortunate to have 27 Year 12 students and 21 staff members volunteer for St Vincent de Paul's Night Patrol this year and on behalf of my peers I can't thank the staff enough for their involvement and support throughout what was a very eye-opening experience. Every single night, Vinnies play their role in making this world a greater place by providing food, drink, clothing and blankets to the needy, and it was a humbling experience to contribute to the cause of helping Canberra's disadvantaged and homeless.

*jack adamsen*  
Sports Captain



# FAITH+COMMUNITY QUICK FACTS

## THE COMMUNITY

1846

That's how many students we had at MacKillop this year.

58%

of MacKillop students are Catholic. There's a large number of students who belong to other faith traditions (or none at all).

199

That's the number of staff who worked at MacKillop in 2017.

15%

of MacKillop students practise their faith on a weekly basis.

3750+

Students have graduated through MacKillop in its first 20 years as a College.

YEAR 7

Was the largest year group at MacKillop this year, with 352 students.

## FUNDRAISING + CHARITY

↑ 8.4%

Increase in Caritas Project Compassion fundraising from 2016.

↑ 532%

Increase in funds raised by Year 12 for the Relay for Life compared to 2016.

3/5

Three-fifths of the money raised for Caritas was raised by students at the Wanniasa Campus.

## THE CHARITY SHIELD

The Charity Shield is awarded to the House that raises the most money for its House Charity in a calendar year. Since the Charity Shield was created in 2014, it has been won by the following Houses. Who will win it in 2017?

2014

MEUP MEUP

2015

NGADYUNG

2016

NGADYUNG

## WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

We asked students: "If Jesus walked into the room right now, what question would you ask or what would you say to him?"

"Now that you're back, what would you do differently?"

"What's my purpose?"

"This better all be true..."

"Donald Trump!? Really? What were you thinking?"

"Why are you back now? What does it mean?"

"Well this is weird..."

"I bet my Dad could totally beat up your Dad...no wait, that's what He would say."

"I'm sooo going back to Mass..."

"Oh my God..." 'Yes?' he replies..."

"What's your take on how we've tried to learn from you? Have we got it right or wrong?"

"Long time no see."

"I'd try and touch him to see if he's for real."

"What's your deepest secret?"

"Do you have any questions for us?"





# CROSS CAMPUS

## MACKILLOP DAY CELEBRATIONS

The celebrations of the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop took place on Friday 8 September. It's always one of the highlights of the College calendar.



## YEAR 12 MENTORING DAY

After the Opening Mass, Year 12 visited the junior campus to spend time with Years 7-9. It was a valuable experience for all involved.



## CROSS CAMPUS PROGRAM

The Cross Campus Interaction Program continued this year with a number of Year 12 students volunteering to spend time with those at Wanniasa.



## SENIOR VISITS TO WANNIASSA

This year, a number of senior classes from a range of different curriculum areas visited the Wanniasa campus to provide mentoring and insight.



## AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

Led by Sports Captain Jack Adamson, senior students delivered the After School Sport Program to junior students on Wednesday afternoons.



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Events like the Musical, Variety Night, excursions, sport, and overseas trips brought students from both campuses together, allowing them to bond over their shared interests.



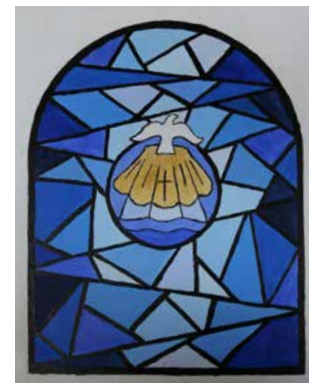






RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES



## RELIGION IN THE ARTS

One assessment task in the Religion in the Arts unit requires students to create a religious work of art in the Christian tradition. This could be a painting, icon, banner, portfolio of design drawings, liturgical vestment, original piece of music to a religious text, a series of poems, sculpture, or other artwork. It's interesting to see what the students come up with!

### YEAR 8 RE

"It's been interesting learning RE this year. In I-Hum it wasn't a complete subject but we have had a real focus on it this year. Also learning RE has broadened my horizons on the idea of Jesus. It's also been interesting learning about the martyrs and how they believed in something enough to die for it."

— Elizabeth (Year 8)

### YEAR 9 RE

"We got to learn about different denominations, not just the Catholic perspective. It was good to have creative tasks to do as well, not just writing. There was a lot group work in RE which was good. It was good that there was a focus on the Church in Australia too."

— Nathan (Year 9)

### YEAR 9 RE

"We learnt about the History of the Church and the issues it had to overcome. We learnt how to interpret Luke's Gospel and the messages it conveyed. We learnt about prophets and about how Catholicism has guided people to live holy lives."

— Kathryn (Year 9)

### YEAR 10 RE

"It was good how ideas combined with other classes like History, English and thoughts of prejudice and those kinds of topics. Also, learning about other religions gave us a good perspective on how they live their lives and not just focusing on your own."

— Audrey (Year 10)



### YEAR 11 RE

"Psychology of Religion and Philosophy gave me a more in depth and objective view of the world. Interestingly, studying both an Atheist and a Theist approach in Philosophy has actually deepened my faith, which is ironic."

— Rebecca (Year 11)

### YEAR 12 RE

"I've really enjoyed the Independent Study opportunity as it has given me scope to look at religious issues that I wouldn't have had to chance to do in a 'regular' RE class. I've done so many different units that it shows there's something for everyone."

— Bethany (Year 12)

### YEAR 11 RE

"Philosophy gave us the tools to maturely observe the world around us from different perspectives. I think the effect it's had on my faith has given us the chance to explore it with a completely new perspective; there were things that I had not considered before."

— Charlotte (Year 11)

### YEAR 12 RE

"It has given me many skills to be able to think critically about things that are happening in the world; especially Philosophy, as it gives you a different way to examine the world more deeply and at a different level. It helped a lot in my other subjects. There was a cross over in other units so I could look at the same topic in different ways."

— Zoe (Year 12)