



Vale Michelle-Anne da Roza

1963-2018

Assistant Principal Curriculum Michelle da Roza departed this life on 21 May this year. After a long and dignified battle with cancer, Michelle was farewelled from this life from Corpus Christi Parish Church, Gowrie, with her husband Michael, her parents Brian and Rosemary, her family, friends, colleagues, and many former students present.

Michelle was a teacher and woman of significant impact on her colleagues, students, and the principal. She possessed clear values, a towering intellect, powerful classroom skills, ambition for her students, and an uncompromising belief that all can learn and for the primacy of education in changing people's attitudes, circumstances, and opportunities.

Michelle was a colleague and friend to many of us here at MacKillop and at her previous schools of St Edmund's, Marist, and St Stanislaus' College, Bathurst. She is much missed and fondly remembered. We pray in thanksgiving for her life and for the loving arms of Jesus to embrace her husband, family, and friends.

"Faith and Courage."



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COLLEGE CANBERRA
2018

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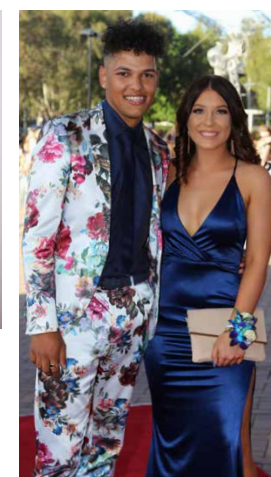
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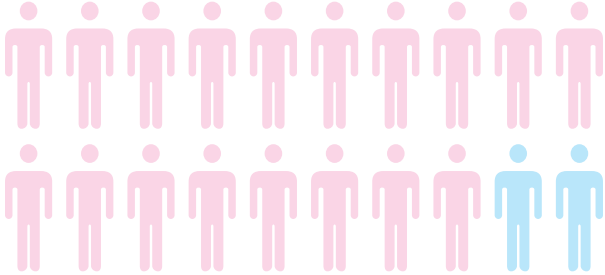


ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE 2018 ANNUAL MAGAZINE

THE TEAM

20 People made up the Design Team. There were others who came and went during the year, but the core consisted of 19 students and Aidan.

The Design Team was a little female-dominant in 2018, with the only male members being Aidan and Zac (who missed the team photo). That meant **every 9 in 10 members was female.**



The Yearbook by Numbers

21ST MACKILLOP YEARBOOK **11TH** YEARBOOK BY AIDAN

270 PAGES IN THIS EDITION MAKES IT OUR LARGEST FULL-COLOUR, ONE-SIDED YEARBOOK EVER.

540,000 TOTAL PAGES PRINTED

10 DIFFERENT FONT FAMILIES WERE USED IN THE BOOK. **24** MEETINGS WERE HELD BY THE YEARBOOK TEAM.

THERE ARE:
3944 PHOTOS
141 STATS (INCLUDING THIS ONE)

AIDAN WAS ASKED 42 TIMES BY STUDENTS IF THE PHOTO HE'D JUST TAKEN WOULD BE ON THE COVER OF THE YEARBOOK. **42. TIMES.**

I HAVE BEEN DOING THIS a long time – and if you’ve ever had a chat with me about my plan for the Annual Magazine, you would have heard me utter the words, “I think I’m out of ideas this year.”

Well that’s where you come in. Specifically, that’s where the students who put their hands up to join the Design Team came in – with their ideas, skills, and work ethic. Thanks to the ideas of the team, this *could* just be the most interesting Annual Magazine ever – but I’ll let you be the judge of that.

Like last year, we’ve been able to publish a massive 270 pages of reports, photos, statistics, and samples of work. Unlike last year, this edition is one-sided (the two-sided book confused a lot of people) and, for the first time ever, we’ve sorted the Annual Magazine by month. This has helped us squeeze more content in towards the end of the year, giving us a more complete picture of the year *that was*. (Is it really a yearbook if you’re missing a chunk of November and December?)

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year’s edition of the Annual Magazine possible. My Design Team had so many ideas – some that we weren’t able to implement – but hopefully we’ve delivered a product that’s interesting and accurate. Happy reading!

 **Aidan Brunskill**

Magazine Editor

THE TEAM:

- Zanya Bendebel** • Director of Diversity
- Alexie Boulton** • Master of Silence
- Elle Caldwell** • Chief of Dumb Ideas
- Annabella Campbell** • Deputy Emo
- Natalie Farhad Nikchah** • The Better Twin
- Sara Farhad Nikchah** • La Jefa
- Pia Gattuso** • Nap Coordinator
- Ebony George** • “Wake Up!” Officer
- Ashleigh Keating** • Manager of “It looks good on my CV”
- Aisling Kinsella** • Flower Crown Connoisseur
- Zachary Lye** • Male Liaison Officer
- Ploy Maniyom** • Commander Ployridaa
- Luchia Milanja** • Project Officer for Procrastination
- Nicole Morris** • Head Stress Head
- Stephanie Rollings** • Silent Contributor
- Hannah Rosin** • Resident Scrunchie Enthusiast
- Belinda Schmidt** • Animal Whisperer
- Miranda Turner** • Professional Bludger
- Valeria Volkova** • Curator of Memes

SPECIAL THANKS:

Proofreaders Ian Brunskill, Clare Fletcher, and Maria O'Donnell; Xibit Printers, and of course everyone who supplied content or took photos throughout the year. There were a lot of you – thank you for contributing!

The Cover

This year, we asked for submissions from students for the cover of our Annual Magazine. We received a few concepts that we liked, the best being from Year 12 student Valeria Volkova, who suggested we create an artwork depicting the two campuses in the style of artist Guy Yanai. Whilst we didn’t replicate his style completely, the illustrations were inspired by Guy’s regular use of simplified shapes and bold(ish) colours. We also brought in a triangle pattern, which links in with some of the patterns used throughout the book.

For the text, we decided to stick a ‘foil’ over the top to create a contrast between the colourful, matte finish of the cover and the shiny, white text.



THE 2017 EDITION

The double-sided nature of last year’s edition of our Annual Magazine caused quite some confusion. Throughout the distribution process, **Aidan was asked 13 times where Part 1 or Part 2 of the 2017 Annual Magazine was.** (Hint: it was on the other side!) This prompted the team to return to a single-sided book for the 2018 edition.

Michael Lee

The Principal

IT IS DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT that it is now over 20 years since the College began as a two campus, Catholic secondary school called MacKillop Catholic College. Under the leadership of Sister of St Joseph Noelene Quinane, the College opened its doors with a motto of "Faith and Courage" and a Vision statement that emboldened the College to be a "dynamic and welcoming community."

Sr Noelene is still in touch with some staff and me; previous principals Moira Najdecki and Rita Daniels also keep in touch and indeed were present at the opening of the new buildings earlier this year. A few staff remain, early plantings have grown – giving colour in autumn and shade in summer – and extensive refurbishments and buildings have enhanced the teaching and community facilities of the school.

Visitors to MacKillop this year have commented favourably upon the physical changes to the school. They have also warmly commented upon the sustained energy and spirit of the school and the celebration of diversity and inclusion that was present at the very start of the life of the College.

The celebrations have been restrained with a staff reunion, opening new buildings, highlighting 'Providence' and the life of Fr Julian Tenison-Woods, and a Mass of thanksgiving. A real feature of the year has been the visits of so many Sisters of St Joseph who were so praiseworthy of the kindness of the students and the dignity of our liturgies.

If a Catholic school is to be able to contribute meaningfully to the Catholic community, it must be a place that proclaims the Gospel and that is faithful to the teachings of the Church Christ gave us. It must be a source of pride and confidence to its community and be a place that invites its members, particularly its students and staff, to know and love Jesus.

If it is to be a place that contributes to the wider community, a Catholic school must be authentically Catholic, it must aspire to provide equity of access, be committed to inclusion and diversity, and be engaged with that wider community. Its key means to achieve this is by providing a quality education for its students and to invest in the professional growth of its teachers.

As MacKillop embraces its future, it finds itself in a strong position to be faithful to its Vision. The challenges of funding, religious freedom, and the need to provide excellence will be met with faith, courage, hope, and a clear sense of our core business.

I would like to thank the College Board, College Leadership, the staff, student leaders, students, and their parents/carers for their support of the College this year. Confident in our Vision and ambitious for our students, 2019 and beyond will be embraced with an undeterred spirit.

Michael Lee

College Principal



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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 2018.

Year 9 Awards



Kira Tawton

PENOLA AWARD FOR
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Elizabeth Leary-Ryan

MACKILLOP MEDAL FOR
WITNESS TO THE COLLEGE
VISION



Lilly Vassallo

PAUL BUTZ 'OMNIA OPTIME'
AWARD



Jack Battye-Matheson

MACKILLOP SPORTSMAN OF
THE YEAR



Tyra Petersen

MACKILLOP SPORTSWOMAN
OF THE YEAR

Year 7 Awards



Freia Huber

PENOLA AWARD FOR
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Nila Ranjith

MACKILLOP MEDAL FOR WITNESS
TO THE COLLEGE VISION



Marcus Bateup

MACKILLOP SPORTSMAN
OF THE YEAR



Jessica Lemon

MACKILLOP SPORTSWOMAN
OF THE YEAR

Year 10 Awards



Charnseya Wells

PENOLA AWARD FOR
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
(JOINT-WINNER)



Caitlyn Williams

PENOLA AWARD FOR
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
(JOINT-WINNER)



Oliver Bryson

MACKILLOP MEDAL
FOR WITNESS TO THE
COLLEGE VISION



Emma Smith

ST MARY MACKILLOP AWARD
FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Year 8 Awards



Annabel Aldred

PENOLA AWARD FOR
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Nikolas Dulevski

MACKILLOP MEDAL FOR WITNESS
TO THE COLLEGE VISION



Luke Cargill

MACKILLOP SPORTSMAN
OF THE YEAR



Chloe Arnold

MACKILLOP SPORTSWOMAN
OF THE YEAR



Caitlyn Williams

ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE
ALL ROUNDER AWARD



Benjamin Anderson

MACKILLOP SPORTSMAN
OF THE YEAR



Kiralee Eppelstun

MACKILLOP SPORTSWOMAN
OF THE YEAR



Breah Hart

ACU MOST IMPROVED
AWARD/SCHOLARSHIP

Year 10 Scholarships



Olivia Boddington
ACADEMIC



Oliver Holdway
ACADEMIC



Darcy Kinsella
ACADEMIC



Mykal Marsham
ACADEMIC



Nadia McNeill
ACADEMIC



Ellen Scott
ACADEMIC



Charnseya Wells
ACADEMIC



Oliver Bryson
COMMUNITY



Owen Lever
COMMUNITY



Ben Walker
COMMUNITY



Lachlan Arnold
VIKINGS



Monica Gair
VIKINGS

Year 11 Awards



Samuel Matthews
PENOLA AWARD FOR
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Lani Bevan
MACKILLOP MEDAL FOR WITNESS
TO THE COLLEGE VISION



Jacinta Gallagher
ST MARY MACKILLOP AWARD FOR
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP



Will Granger
MACKILLOP SPORTSMAN
OF THE YEAR
(JOINT-WINNER)



Oliver Synnott
MACKILLOP SPORTSMAN
OF THE YEAR
(JOINT-WINNER)



Emma Bignell
MACKILLOP SPORTSWOMAN
OF THE YEAR

Year 12 Perpetual Awards for the Class of 2018



Sophie Highmore
THE PRINCIPAL'S AWARD
(JOINT-WINNER)



Lochlan Hattch
THE PRINCIPAL'S AWARD
(JOINT-WINNER)



Elle Caldwell
ST MARY MACKILLOP AWARD
FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP



James Crispin
SR NOELEN QUINANE AWARD
FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Richard Liang
ROHAN SCHULTZ 'PER
ARDUA AD ASTRA' AWARD



Aisling Kinsella
TENISON WOODS STUDENT
CHOICE AWARD



Sarah Purcell
JODIE HIGGINS CALTEX BEST
ALL-ROUNDER AWARD



Sophie Highmore
ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE
CREATIVE ARTS AWARD



Amber Brophy
TEGAN BLUNT SOUTHERN
CROSS SPORT AWARD

College

Captains

MACKILLOP HAS BEEN A PLACE of many happy memories over the past six years - our place. It is hard to describe the emotion we both feel thinking about our school, somewhere that has been so integral in shaping who we have become. Gratitude does not begin to encompass how thankful we are to have been blessed with such a home. For most of our Graduating Class, we have attended this school for six years now, six hours a day, five days a week and four terms a year forming bonds of mutual respect and friendship with each other and our teachers. These relationships help define the MacKillop experience better than any words we could possibly write. Reflecting on our time at MacKillop is a bittersweet emotional ride, for, while we are sad to leave, we have great hope that this place has prepared us to overcome any challenge we might face with *faith and courage*.

It has been an enormous privilege to have been College Captains this year. Our position has given us a new appreciation for our year group and the rest of the school, helping take us outside of our comfort zone and shining a new light on the importance of a supportive community. We have very genuine love for this place, quirks and all. From lunch time rap battles, to fumbling over our words at assembly, the MacKillop community has always been by our side and had our backs. We may not be the fanciest school or have our own swimming pool but we definitely have the best culture.

Over the years we have had ups and downs, highs and lows, tumbles and tumbleweed hair. For better or worse, we have undoubtedly left our mark on this school. Whilst the junior campus is still recovering from our turbulent time in Year 9, we think we definitely deserve the trophy for most improved year group. We've had more than our fair share of challenges but have been safe in the knowledge that MacKillop would always be there to pick us back up again. Mistakes are not condemned here but instead we are encouraged to learn from them. MacKillop is a school in the truest sense of the word, an institution that shapes young men and women into confident, capable and considerate adults, ready to enter the big wide world and facilitate change as best we can.

We've had big shoes to fill this year and a legacy to uphold and, daunting as it's been, we have had the best team anyone could wish for beside us all the way. We can't begin to thank Year 12 enough for everything they have taught us. Like new parents, we've had to develop no small level of patience, resilience and an ability to function on a severe lack of sleep, but we have also experienced fondness, love and most of all pride like never before. We know you will take the world by storm and we can only hope that the world is ready.

We wish the 2019 captains, Gabby and Chris the best of luck next year, although we are sure they won't need it.

Tom and Sarah, signing out.

Tom & Sarah

2018 COLLEGE CAPTAINS

SARAH
PURCELL



THOMAS
COUPER
LOGAN

Portfolio

Captains



WHAT A YEAR! Parliamentary Youth on Sustainability, Stress Less Week, EcoBus Tour, and cracking Carbon Challenge results - just some of the things 2018 had in store for us. Carrying on from Frosty's effort last year, this year's Stress Less Week went off like a bull in a china shop - we had hot drinks, live music and some very uplifting quotes to keep us relaxed and ready for exams. My amazing Sustainability Squad strolled through the Chief Minister's Carbon Challenge, winning our school a bunch of money and awards while saving a breezy few tons of CO₂. Mrs Rangwalla and I put together a ripper of a team for the Parliament of Youth - we were there on all bases. The EcoBus tour taught us a ton about what our school can do to reduce our waste, increase productivity and save a bit of electricity.

I'm glad to have had this portfolio team by my side helping me out on anything and everything. Connor, you're going to have a cracking year in 2019. Cheers to everyone for making 2018 one for the books. Plant a tree, stop using straws, and reduce, reuse, recycle!!!

Ryan Badowski

Sustainability Captain

WHAT A CRACKER of a year it has been. The MacKillop community did not disappoint, putting their hands into their pockets and donating to Caritas and our four incredible House charities. The school raised \$17,891.61 for Caritas Australia. This was the second highest amount raised by the MacKillop community. Year 12 participated in the Cancer Council's Relay for Life, and we as a year group raised \$12,774. We had some incredible students who raised over \$2000 and another student who raised over \$1500 just within their community. We then contributed to our House charities: the Ricky Stuart Foundation (Gurabang), Cancer Council (Mindygari), New Hope For Cambodian Children (Meup Meup) and Mission Australia (Ngadyung).

MacKillop's community spirit and willingness to give to charity has left my jaw on the floor. I know that the Faith and Community captaincy is safe in the hands of Alexis Lanuza and I can't wait to see what you do with it. Thanks, MacKillop!

Elle Caldwell

Faith & Community Captain

THIS YEAR was incredible for sport at MacKillop! 2018 showcased the amazing talent of our students in an enormous number of sports - there were over 90 different gala days on the schedule, from sports such as soccer, cricket, volleyball, and even lawn bowls! The students who participated did the school and themselves proud. The year started with a bang with the carnivals in Term 1. The MacKillop Sports Carnival is something special and this year was no exception. I was ecstatic to see everyone dressed in their House themes and cheering or singing the whole time. The Athletics Carnival had the highest participation in events EVER in MacKillop's history, which is an insane achievement!

Churchy, good luck for next year - I can't wait to see the energy you bring. To the teachers who have supported me throughout the year, I appreciate you all. To the students, you guys are awesome and I have loved getting to know you all. MacKillop is in good hands moving forward. I hope I made a difference and led this wonderful community in a positive direction. Thank you.

Lochie Hattch

Sports Captain

IT HAS BEEN an absolute pleasure to be your Performing Arts Captain for 2018! Performing arts at MacKillop has been a huge part of my life; it's safe to say that it will always have a special place in my heart. I have been blown away by the talent this year! Lochie Hattch and I had a blast hosting Variety Night this year, where we got to play a fun game of MacKillop Feud and witnessed some 'golden' talent. Our school musical, *Mary Poppins*, directed by the amiable and diligent Mrs Mansfield, was 'practically perfect!' Credit to PCOPA, who perform at assemblies, masses and outside of school events. We celebrated International Singer's Day and had over 100 students attend Performing Arts Camp in September. MacKillop performed at Dance Fest, featuring the revamped Boys' Dance Crew, and had students selected to perform at the Canberra Comedy Festival.

It has been an amazing year for performing arts at MacKillop and I can't thank everyone enough for their hard work.

Sophie Highmore

Performing Arts Captain

JACK BATTYE-
MATHESON



Campus

LILLY
VASSALLO

Captains

WE HAVE HAD the privilege of being the 2018 Padua Campus Captains and have both felt honoured to represent the student body. 2018 has been an incredible year. The SRC embarked on an exciting schedule this year, including Project Compassion, House charities, a number of social events, team building exercises and leadership conferences. We participated in numerous College assemblies, Masses, sports carnivals, MacKillop Day and Market Day. Our roles allowed us to be a part of MacKillop's wider community, and we welcomed the opportunity to interact with students from other schools.

The energy surrounding the lunchtime sport competition has continued to grow this year with House v House, friend v friend. Everyone wanted to win! It was encouraging to see so many students enjoying themselves and having fun. The Student v Teacher's Netball and Basketball games were a highlight, with the teachers ultimately taking the title. We are counting on next year's Year 9 students to regain the top spot! Everybody supported their Houses at the Swimming and Athletics carnivals, proudly representing their colours by dressing in their house themes, with the famous MacKillop community spirit on display.

Project Compassion commenced in Term 1. As a campus we were able to raise an impressive \$10,299.45. This was an amazing achievement and a great start to the year. We also had the goal of raising for our four House charities. We raised these funds by wearing hoodies, jackets, crazy socks, football jerseys and raffling a signed Raiders Jersey. We also sold pizza, soft drinks, Goodberry's, donuts, and held many sausage

sizzles and raffles. Term 4 also saw us hold a drought relief fundraiser raising much needed funds for struggling farmers. Our donations of food items and other groceries were greatly appreciated. We are extremely proud of this year's fundraising efforts, and acknowledge that, as a community, we have made a positive contribution to those in need locally, nationally, and even internationally - it was a very rewarding experience.

Thank you to Mr Margosis for your humorous encouragement and support all year! We really appreciate the time and effort you invested in us and our ideas. Thank you to Mr O'Callaghan and Mr McNicol for your guidance. Finally, we would like to thank the entire SRC who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to turn ideas into reality. We wouldn't have been able to achieve what we have without your suggestions, contributions and camaraderie. You came to meetings offering ideas, enthusiasm and determination. We are also grateful for the experience of being able to work with the senior SRC.

We are extremely grateful and cannot thank the community enough for this opportunity. We are looking forward to continuing to contribute to the College community in the years to come. Thanks for the memories.

Ladies and gentlemen, this has been your captains speaking!

Jack & Lilly

Padua Campus Captains



Junior Reps

Year 7: Ihsan Ahmed, Lachlan Baldan, Luke Olivier, Abbey Robb

Year 8: Ebony Brunt, Joshua Campbell, Marcus Murphy, Jake Keen

Year 9: Jack Battye-Matheson, Mia Cachia, Daniel Carroll, Aaron Hilborn, Jayavi Keerthisinghe, Aakriti Mehra, Samuel Palic, Alyssa Shiell, Kira Tawton, Lilly Vassallo



Senior Reps

Year 10: Colby Brown, Tianna Cossetini, Joseph Packer, John Whinfield

Year 11: Teah Livingstone, Gabrielle Petersen, Ashley Scensor, Zachary Robb

Year 12: Ryan Badowski, Amber Brophy, Elle Caldwell, Thomas Couper Logan, Sarah Dark, Bastijn de Ruijter, Connor Fitzgerald, Bailey Goymer-Peak, Lochlan Hattch, Sophie Highmore, Bradley Jones, Abby McKenzie, Jessica Povey, Sarah Purcell.

GIVING THANKS FOR

20

YEARS

In 2018, the College celebrated its first 20 years under the banner of MacKillop.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OUR FIRST 20 YEARS



1995

The year it was decided that the school would be **named after Mary MacKillop**. This is when plans were raised to join St Peter's College and Padua High School together.



1998

The year we became **MacKillop Catholic College** after the amalgamation of St Peter's and Padua. That makes us the same age as Google.



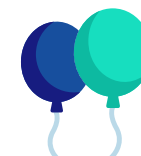
2 Feb

Monday 2 February was our **first day** as a school in 1998. Technically, that makes it MacKillop's birthday.



12

of our **current staff** members worked here when the College became MacKillop 20 years ago. Another three current staff were MacKillop students that year.



278

Our **largest Year 12 cohort**, the Class of 2015, had 278 students in it. Compare that to our first year as MacKillop, when we had only 105 students in Year 12!



3968

students have **graduated through the College** since it became MacKillop.



◀ Our Principals

MacKillop has had **four principals** in its first 20 years. From left to right: Rita Daniels (2007), Sr Noelene Quinane (1998-2003), Michael Lee (2008-present), and Moira Najdecki (2004-2006).

Mr Lee is now the longest-serving principal in our school's history.

Other interesting facts

1. **Mrs O'Donnell** was the College's first Year 12 Coordinator.
2. In 1998, **Year 7** was based at the **Padua Campus** and **Year 8** was at the **St Peter's Campus**. It wasn't until the year 2000 that students were split into Years 7-9 at Padua/Wanniassa and Years 10-12 at St Peter's/Isabella.
3. The school has now existed **longer as MacKillop** (21 school years at the end of 2018) than it did as Padua High School (20 years).
4. The College celebrated **five years as a College at MacKillop Day in 2002** – this was during the fifth year. The 10-year celebrations were held in the College's 11th year and the 20-year celebrations were held in the 21st year.
5. No student has won more Year 12 Perpetual Awards than **Jon Lovell**, who was also MacKillop's first College Captain. He won four Perpetual Awards.
6. The longest-serving staff member was **Mrs Maria Philpot**, who worked at Padua and MacKillop for 34 years. **Mrs Colleen Kain** (30 years) has worked at MacKillop the longest among still-active staff members.



Isabella is now called the St Peter's Campus.



To honour the two schools that became MacKillop in 1998, the College renamed its campuses to the names of the original schools.

WE CHANGED OUR CAMPUS NAMES



WE GAVE THANKS AT THE OPENING MASS

A number of Josephite nuns joined us to celebrate our anniversary, giving us the opportunity to give thanks to the religious order that has done so much for education in Australia and at MacKillop.



Wanniassa is now called the Padua Campus.

WHAT WE DID TO CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF MACKILLOP



WE CELEBRATED WITH FORMER STAFF

A brunch for former and current staff of the College was held at the St Peter's Campus in March.



WE OPENED NEW BUILDINGS

The Providence Building (named to honour St Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph) and the Julian Tenison-Woods Laboratories (named after the co-founder of the Josephites) opened in March.

WE ALSO UPDATED THE COLLEGE VISION

ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE IS A DYNAMIC WELCOMING COMMUNITY BASED ON THE GOSPEL VALUES OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE AND UPON THE LEGACY OF THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH.

IT IS A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WHERE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION IS VALUED.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE NURTURED AND EMPOWERED TO FACE THE FUTURE WITH FAITH AND COURAGE.

After a 10-month consultation process involving students, staff, clergy, Catholic Education, and the College Board, we were able to sign off on a new Vision for St Mary MacKillop College. The new statement retains the open and clear language of the original document but spells out more clearly the values of the Gospel and invites the work and legacy of the Sisters of St Joseph into the school's sense of direction and endeavour.

MESSAGES



What a privilege it was to share in the celebration of Eucharist and the Blessing and Opening of the new buildings at MacKillop for the 20 Year Celebrations!

Your students were a credit to the school and their families in their reverence and respect at Mass and in the playground. Their warmth and hospitality was tangible in every encounter.

As a Sister of St Joseph, I feel truly humbled that our history and legacy has been so beautifully presented for future generations.

Sr Mary Ellen O'Donnoghue
Regional Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph NSW



What an honour it has been to be the College Captains during our 20-Year Celebrations! We can't thank MacKillop enough for the last six years we have had. The school is in a strong position and we only hope it continues to build on that in the future. Congratulations on reaching this milestone!

Tom Couper Logan & Sarah Purcell
2018 College Captains



Thank you for opening your doors wide enough to let me and countless others contribute to something special. A massive kudos to past and present men and women, both students and staff, who have inspired and been monumental in creating a respectful environment that oozes growth, laughter, and love. MacKillop teaches the whole person, it has educated the mind, but it has also educated the heart. Congratulations on a life-changing 20 years, MacKillop. Cheers to 20 more!

Jack Adamson
2017 College Sports Captain



Happy birthday, MacKillop! You're responsible for some of my all time favourite memories. Thanks for fostering such a warm environment full of challenge, friendship and ambition. Lots of love!

Brianna Thomas
2009 College Captain



Congratulations on 20 years! Most students do six years, but I needed 10! I had a blast at MacKillop as a student and as a staff member and I can't wait to see what the next 10 years have in store. All the best!

Matt Egan
Class of 2010 and former staff member



Congratulations to you all on such a faith filled experience at the 20-Year Celebration Mass! I think the students were even better behaved than I remember. The new buildings on the St Peter's Campus are spectacular and a credit to your vision and hard work. I know you must all feel an immense sense of pride when you walk into them. I feel that MacKillop has reached another milestone and that the campus is truly a 'Senior Campus' with excellent facilities, a place where academic excellence will shine and a place where senior students are proud to be. Well done!

Michelle Marks
Former Deputy Principal, Campus Head & Assistant Principal



I would like to congratulate you and your school on completing 20 years of secondary education in the Tuggeranong Valley under the banner of MacKillop.

I congratulate your school on the successful completion of the building program and trust that your community will enjoy these facilities which will enhance teaching and learning at MacKillop. The naming of the buildings honours the name of St Mary MacKillop and the inspirational work of the Sisters of St Joseph. Their work and sacrifice has done much to contribute to our country for over 150 years.

Federal Labor wishes you every success for your 20-year celebrations and into the future.

Bill Shorten
Federal Leader of the Opposition



It was a grace to return to the College for your 20th Celebration and to rejoice in how the College has blossomed and grown, and in particular how you and the College community are expanding the living of the legacy in a way that is meaningful for today - our hearts are deeply grateful. Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved!

Sr Noelene Quinane
Foundation Principal



I write to say thanks for the invitation to attend the St Mary MacKillop College Liturgy of the Opening Mass and 20 Year Celebrations. The presence of so many Sisters of St Joseph added a palpable feeling that the present staff of the College are carrying on from the foundations of Catholic schooling in Australia made by Religious over some 100 years. St Mary MacKillop would be well pleased that the story of God visiting His people in the person of Jesus is being told and acted on in the practical following of the words, 'Love God and love your neighbour as I have loved you.'

Geoff Joy
Former Director of Catholic Education

20 YEARS



1998
St Peter's and Padua join to become MacKillop Catholic College. Sr Noelene Quinane is the foundation principal.



2000
The College holds its first ever Year 10 Spring Zing.



2002
The College celebrates five years at the MacKillop Day Mass at the National Convention Centre.



2004
Moira Najdecki becomes principal.



2005
The College opens the Tech Centre at Wanniasa.



2006
The Phoenix Gallery opens after a fire destroys the Art/Tech foyer at Isabella.



2008
Michael Lee becomes principal.



2010
The College name changes to St Mary MacKillop College with the canonisation of our patron.



2012
The College farewells Maria Philpot after 34 years of service.



2013
The Wanniasa Campus Chapel wins several architectural awards.



2014
The relationship with St Patrick's in Cooma begins, with a bus from Cooma bringing students to MacKillop for Years 11 and 12.



2016
The College Choir makes the finals of the Australian A Cappella Championships.



2018
In its 21st year, the College celebrates its first 20 years under the banner of MacKillop.



1998
MacKillop wins the ACT Rock Eisteddfod - a big deal in our first year.



2000
The senior and junior campus structure is in place with Years 7-9 at Wanniasa and Years 10-12 at Isabella.



2001
Water block is built to help house our growing numbers.

HIGHLIGHTS

A look at some notable events in the history of MacKillop.



2007
Rita Daniels becomes principal.



2008
The Journey of the Cross and Icon comes to MacKillop.



2010
Staff and students attend the Canonisation Ceremony at the Vatican.



2011
Mr Lee is an Australian Principal of the Year finalist.



2012
Prime Minister Julia Gillard opens the Trades Training Centre at Isabella.



2013
Ngadyung becomes the only house to win all four carnival trophies in a calendar year.



2015
Our largest Year 12 cohort graduates from the College.



2017
The College raises its largest figure for Caritas' Project Compassion.