

Feast Day

MARY MACKILLOP
today

Who is Mary MacKillop Today?

In the spirit of Saint Mary MacKillop, Mary MacKillop Today focuses on empowering communities through education, health, financial inclusion, and livelihoods.

Our Mission

Guided by the Gospel, we stand with the marginalised poor, rural and remote peoples, in Australia and internationally, so they can realise their potential and participate fully in their communities. We seek to empower and transform lives through self-determination, access to education, and the learning of practical life skills.

Together, we can carry on the work of Australia's first Saint, Mary MacKillop, and share God's love through practical help for people in need.



“Seek first the poorest, most neglected parts of God’s vineyard.”

- Saint Mary MacKillop

Our Work

Here in Australia ...

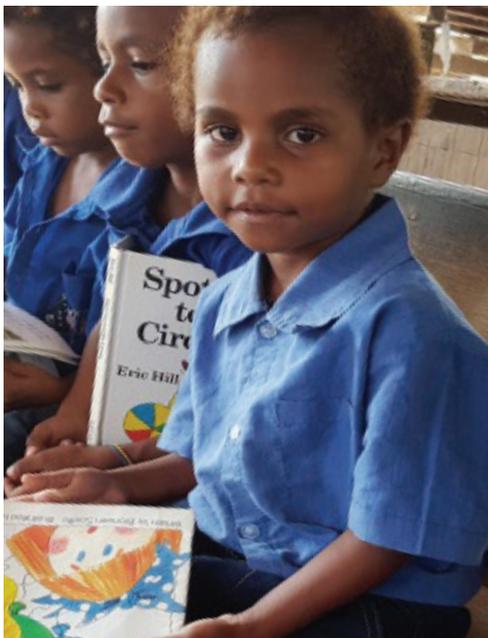


Equine Assisted Learning Program, WA, in partnership with Telethon Kids Institute

Some of our projects include:

- **Closing the gap on Indigenous Australian education** through a First Nations Tertiary Scholarship program to break down financial barriers and help people pursue a higher education.
- **Supporting the social and emotional wellbeing of young Aboriginal Australians** through evidence-based Equine Assisted Learning, where students step outside the classroom to learn through interaction with horses.
- **Giving people in economic hardship the opportunity to become financially independent and stable** through our Financial Inclusion Program.

And overseas ...



Inclusive Communities Program, PNG in partnership with Callan Vanimo Inclusive Education Resource Centre

Our international projects across Timor-Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea, and Fiji include:

- **Giving children education opportunities** in the most remote and poor areas by visiting schools, disability centres, and informal 'squatter' settlements with creative learning activities.
- **Improving the skills of teachers in remote communities** because it is difficult to teach if they never received a quality education themselves.
- **Fighting preventable diseases in schools** by providing teachers with the knowledge and resources they need to share vital health information with their students.
- **Educating and mentoring parents in poor communities** so they can play an active role in their children's learning at home.
- **Helping women** to learn the skills they need to earn a fair income of their own.