

Who is Mary MacKillop Today?

In the spirit of Saint Mary MacKillop, Mary MacKillop Today works to transform lives with dignity for self-determination.

Mary MacKillop fiercely believed in the power of education to lift communities out of poverty. She chose to teach everyone - regardless of gender, race, faith or wealth - while serving with love and compassion.

Mary MacKillop's work is still unfinished. Many people are still unable to break the cycle of poverty because they can't access education.

Mary MacKillop Today proudly continues her extraordinary 150-year-old legacy, so that all people have the opportunity to flourish.







Mary MacKillop Today works hard to ensure fair access to education for people to have the tools to realise their full potential.

This involves working with communities to create change by teaching practical skills to women, men and children in Australia, Timor-Leste, Fiji and Peru.

"Let no obstacle deter us from proceeding with courage" Saint Mary MacKillop, 1893





Mary MacKillop Today's projects:



Give children education opportunities in the most remote and disadvantaged areas



Help aspiring students pursue higher education through a First Nations Tertiary Scholarship



Help women learn skills to earn a fair income and lead their communities



Improve the skills of dedicated teachers in marginalised communities



Fight preventable diseases in schools



Mentor parents so they can play an active role in their children's learning at home



Give people in economic hardship the opportunity to become financially stable

Since 1866, the Sisters of Saint Joseph have worked 'for the flourishment of our earth and all its people'. Mary MacKillop Today continues that work to help people in the most vulnerable situations to flourish.

This August, let's walk in the footsteps of Australia's most loved Saint.

Just like Mary MacKillop...

Let's be fierce in the face of adversity.

Let's be fair and act when we see injustice.

Let's give love to those we encounter each day.

Together, let's be Fierce for Fair.

