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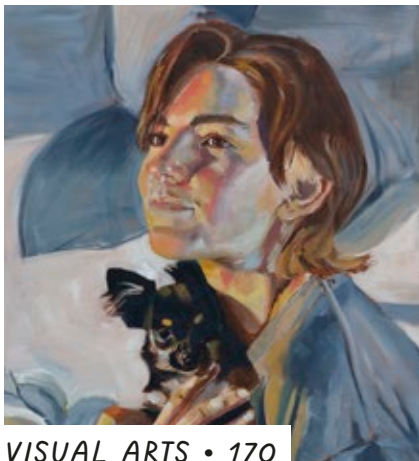
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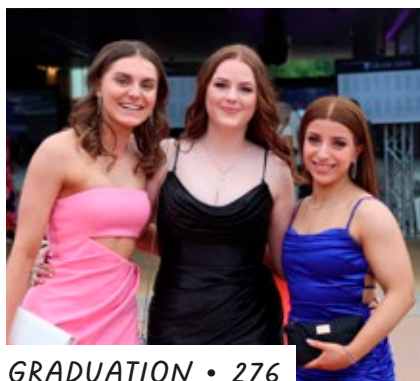
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UP FRONT

A WORD FROM THE EDITORS

2022 was a year of uncertainty but nonetheless optimism! With things slowly going back to normal, the Design Team embraced the “comeback” and have tried to give you a cleaner, classier look to the Annual Magazine (certainly compared to last year), with heaps of engaging content and a fun and youthful energy.

It was certainly a pleasure to work on the Magazine together, and we’d also like to thank our colleague, Harry Hattch, who not only contributed to the Yearbook but also made sure the Media Team kept on top of its regular duties with so much of our time dedicated to this book.

To the talented students of our Design Team, thanks for your ideas, opinions, content, and the amazing energy you brought to each and every meeting. We wish you and the rest of Year 12 the best of luck in the future.

As a team, we had a blast compiling the 284 pages jam-packed with memories of the last 12 months. We’re happy with the results and we hope you like it, too!

SAM + AIDAN

THE TEAM

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Canberra Water Hater	Ava Barrett
Token Cooma Kid	Matilda Mitchell

THE BOOK IN NUMBERS

100%

The percentage of Design Team meetings that included at least one student who had visited the Canteen before gracing us with their presence.

284 PAGES

This book surpasses the number of pages in the 2021 edition (which had 272 pages) to make the 2022 Annual Magazine our the largest full-colour yearbook.

28

That’s how many people we had in the Design Team, although we had a few visitors throughout the year!

60 SECONDS

That’s how quickly this year seemed to fly by. We can’t be the only ones who feel this way, right?

THE COVER

There’s not too much to say about the cover of the Annual Magazine beside the fact that the Design Team wanted to do something fun with the MacKillop avatars. We had a play with some designs before settling on the cover you see today. Make sure to note the few nods to the College Crest in the final design.



SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks to Clare Fletcher for doing a very last-minute proofread for us, and thanks to the team at CanPrint for delivering such a high-quality finished product.

MEET THE CREW



UP FRONT

The

TWELVE

MONTHS

of 2022

JAN

January was all about the return to school, with staff returning around Australia Day and Years 7, 10, 11, 12 commencing the academic year on Monday 31 January. In January, we discovered that events for Term 1 were going to be heavily impacted by ACT and Catholic Education COVID restrictions.

FEB

Years 8 and 9 commenced their year on 1 February and the school year quickly kicked into gear. Events in February included the Year 11 Study Day and a Digital Honours Assembly, but one of our calendar's highlights, the Swimming Carnival, could not go ahead.

APR

April saw the first term break for the year, as well as an online Easter Liturgy and ANZAC Day Ceremony. When we returned for Term 2 on 27 April, restrictions had eased a little, so Parent-Teacher Interviews could be held in person at school.

MAR

With limited opportunities for external events, MacKillop couldn't hold the Opening Mass or the Year 11 Retreat in March. Fortunately, some events could go on, including the Year 7 Community Day and other year group activities at school.

MAY

May is the big month for promotional events, with the Open Day, Try MacKillop Day, and Year 11 Info Night all taking place early in the month. We also had the Careers Expo and the College Cross Country as we got into the full swing of Term 2.

JUN

In June, things started to wrap up for Semester 2. Senior students had exams, while our Padua Campus students were busy with Year 7 and Year 8 Camps, the Year 9 Transition Day, and a host of pastoral activities. Year 10 were involved in senior subject selection, a Reflection Day, and the Urban Challenge in Sydney.

JUL

Term 2 wrapped up on 1 July with Term 3 commencing on 19 July. The month was all about a return to teaching and learning, although we also had events and activities like the NAIDOC Mass and the start of the YAM Program.

SEP

In September, Year 12 sat the AST, but there were heaps of highlights, including MacKillop Day, Spring Zing, a rescheduled Athletics Carnival, and elections for our College Captains. In September, the Queen passed away, so we had a National Day of Mourning just before the end of Term 3.

AUG

In August, staff had a Staff Development & Spirituality Day, while the Year 12 Retreat was able to go ahead in Collaroy. There were Awards Assemblies, Science Week, and Book Week, but the big news from August was the cancellation of the College Musical, mainly due to issues around COVID-19 restrictions and isolation requirements.

OCT

October is the start of the business end to the year, particularly in the classroom with Term 4 being a little shorter but also packed full of events. October included our Variety Night, Parent-Teacher Interviews, PAT Testing, more SRC elections, and the Senior Hospitality Dinner.

NOV

In November, the Year 9 Outdoor Ed camp departed, we had the Long Tan Assembly, Campus Captain elections were held, we put on our first ever Gala Concert for all the ensembles, and we said goodbye to Year 12, who had their last day of classes before seniors started their exams. Year 10 also finished up with a community day and Awards Ceremony.

DEC

We kicked off December with Market Day and the Year 12 Formal. The following week, Year 9 spent two days at the St Peter's Campus, junior students went out to Big Splash, and Term 4 concluded with a Mass and Awards Assembly.

THE PRINCIPAL

The Principal's Report

To begin with, I would like to thank Aidan Brunskill, Samantha Thomas, and Harrison (Harry) Hattch, along with the student editorial team and other staff who are responsible for the production of this beautiful magazine. Each year, MacKillop provides a record of the year in a vibrant and engaging format. This has happened again this year.

Most schools have a school yearbook that serves the purpose of recording the year's events, reporting on achievements and noting who was employed and enrolled at the school. The result is usually a glossy, black and white (occasionally with a school colour) publication this is very official or corporate in style.

Ours does all of this and so much more! A large and complex school like ours has a lot going on. More than that, there is a spirit and atmosphere about this place which visitors comment on, staff enjoy, and alumni remember. Each year, members of the Graduating Class recognise it right at the end as the thing they will miss most.

This magazine always captures this atmosphere well and therefore is much more than a record of what happened and who was here; it is an authentic expression of a spiritual place that aspires to be safe, welcoming, embracing of difference, and that recognises that everybody counts and everybody contributes to a Catholic school for all.

I would like to acknowledge Aidan, Sam, and Harry for the skill, imagination and talent. Much more than this, each of them brings a complete investment in this school. Each of them are graduates of MacKillop, are fully engaged with the students, know our pulse and rhythm, and deeply appreciate the value of a welcoming Catholic school to their own formation.

This is the difference, always!

As we emerge from a post-COVID world, lingering challenges remain: fatigue, issues of mental health and wellbeing, caution and anxiety, and material uncertainty and challenge. Belonging to a community that embraces you, provides an education leading to self-mastery, choice, and opportunity, and that meets that deep yearning we all have to belong becomes a remedy for many of those challenges. I see it every day.

The greatest honour a principal of a school can have is the trust of parents and carers to share with them in the education of their children. Thank you.

I hope all of you enjoy a happy and safe Christmas and holiday season. I hope the promise of the manger continues to be a source of comfort and inspiration for each of us into the new year.

MICHAEL LEE

College Principal

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ANNUAL AWARDS



YEAR 7 AWARDS



RUBY PARDY
Penola Award for
Academic Excellence



SAVANNAH APODERADO
MacKillop Medal for Witness
to the College Vision



BETHANY HERON
MacKillop Sportswoman
of the Year



NICHOLAS CHRISTIAN
MacKillop Sportsman of
the Year

YEAR 8 AWARDS



NOA ZISMAN
Penola Award for
Academic Excellence



INDIANA KILDEY
MacKillop Medal for Witness
to the College Vision



ARIELLA PATERSON
MacKillop Sportswoman
of the Year



KEVIN KAMILO
MacKillop Sportsman of
the Year

YEAR 9 AWARDS



HIMA PYNADATH
Penola Award for
Academic Excellence



MILLIE TERRACINI
MacKillop Medal for Witness
to the College Vision



PHOEBE VASSALLO
Paul Butz 'Omnia Optime'
Award



MEAGHANN SCOTT
MacKillop Sportswoman
of the Year



MAX SWOBODA
MacKillop Sportsman of
the Year

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 2022.

YEAR 10 AWARDS



MILLY MCCABE
Penola Award for
Academic Excellence
(Joint-Winner)



STELLA WILDE
Penola Award for
Academic Excellence
(Joint-Winner)



OLIVER WRIGHT
MacKillop Medal for
Witness to the College
Vision



LABELLA ARROUK
St Mary MacKillop Award
for Christian Leadership



MILLY MCCABE
St Mary MacKillop College
All-Rounder Award



MILLY MCCABE
MacKillop Sportswoman
of the Year



ALEXANDER PARNELL
MacKillop Sportsman of
the Year



ALEXANDRA PHATHANAK
ACU Most Improved
Award

YEAR 11 AWARDS



ARI GILCHRIST
Penola Award for
Academic Excellence



TOBY BARBER
MacKillop Medal for Witness
to the College Vision



ELIZABETH LOCKE
St Mary MacKillop Award
for Christian Leadership



CAITLIN KOCH
MacKillop Sportswoman
of the Year



LUCAS MURRAY
MacKillop Sportsman of
the Year

PERPETUAL AWARDS
FOR THE CLASS OF 2022



NEIKA HENSON
The Principal's
Award



GEORGIA ALDRED
Sr Noelene Quinane Award
for Academic Excellence



SIENNA MOLLOY
Tenison Woods Students'
Choice Award



NEIKA HENSON
St Mary MacKillop Award
for Christian Leadership



AMY FROST
Jodie Higgins Ampol
All-Rounder Award
(Joint-Winner)



DYLAN NEINDORF
Jodie Higgins Ampol
All-Rounder Award
(Joint-Winner)



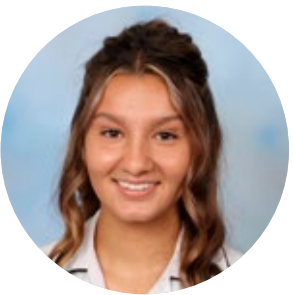
NIKOLAS DULEVSKI
Rohan Schultz 'Per Ardua
Ad Astra' Award



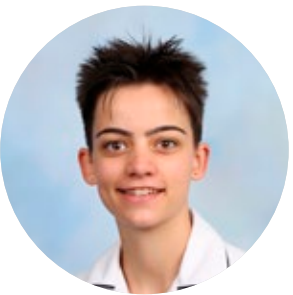
MOLLY BRABHAM
St Mary MacKillop College
Creative Arts Award



AMY FROST
Tegan Blunt Southern
Cross Sport Award



EBONY BRUNT
The Elite Athlete
Award



CLARE LEVINGS
The Elite Athlete
Award

THE COLLEGE CAPTAINS' REPORT

Maddie +
Rohan

What a year 2022 has been! As a school we've been through many challenges and triumphs. We've had to adapt and be flexible in unpredictable times, but the one constant thing we could always rely on was this school and this community. We've both been so privileged to be working with people as amazing as you and we will cherish the relationships we've built here over our past six years at the College.

This year has taught us so many things, and we're grateful for everything MacKillop has given us and the lifelong friendships we'll take with us when we leave. Our community is one thing that sets this College apart and we'll never forget all the times we were able to come together, embrace and welcome all students and staff, and bring our College vision to life. We'll never forget the kindness, compassion and genuine support we see from everyone each day.

We've had to take the disappointment of missing so many opportunities to participate in events as a community, including the Swimming Carnival, College Musical, excursions, trips, and countless other sport and community days. Despite this, we're so proud of how our school came together at every other opportunity and never lost sight of our commitment, optimism and ambition.

We'd like to thank every teacher who has taught and helped our Year 12 cohort over our time at MacKillop, especially our PC teachers who have looked out for us and kept our best interests at heart. We appreciate every single person who has had a positive influence on us; the teachers here are truly one of a kind. You've been the driving force behind our success, and no matter how many times we may have been almost too much to handle (we know it happens), you always stuck by us. We're forever grateful to all of you. To Ms Sullivan, we want to thank you, especially for all the endless time and effort you have put into our cohort. You've stuck by us through our time here and we appreciate everything you've done for us as our coordinator.

To our fellow SRC members, we couldn't have done it without you. Words cannot express how thankful we are to have had you all by our side this year. It's been an absolute blast working with you gems, and we'll hold onto every memory of those early morning car park raves and late-night tour guides with us for many years to come. You guys are absolutely legendary, and we wouldn't change anything about our time together this year.

To Year 7, unfortunately, we didn't have many opportunities to meet you as much as we would have liked. On those rare opportunities when we could, you stuck out to us as a vibrant, energetic year group full of great people keen to give everything their all. Keep being awesome, you've got

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great things ahead of you. To Year 8, you're heading into the big leagues now. As the leaders of the Padua Campus next year, you'll be able to show all that you've got and be the role models for the next in line. You're reaching the halfway point of high school, and from what we've seen and heard you're going strong, and we know you'll keep it going. Year 9, next year is the start of your journey at the Senior Campus and it will give you so many new opportunities. You're officially halfway, so stick with it and remember to make memories and have fun! Year 10, you're about to enter into your Senior years. It will challenge you but the rewards are so worth it. Year 11, you've now reached your last year! You've done so well with what's been thrown at you over your time here, and we know you'll finish next year better than ever. Year 12 will be tough, but we think you'll find that it'll be one of the best years of your life.

To the Class of 2022, Year 12: We've done it! Somehow, through all the ups and downs, we managed to make it to the point we've seen so many others ahead of us get to. We never realised until now it would be this hard to say goodbye. To tell the truth, not every day over these last six years has been our best. There have been challenges, but it was the hard times that made the good times count and there's no other people we would've rather gone through it with than all of you. We've seen so much together since starting out as scared Year 7s. And even though we're worried about what comes next, we'll leave knowing that we have everything we could ever need to live our lives to the fullest, and we got a lot of it from our time in this place. We'll always hold onto our experiences here and we'll always remember how we went through it all together. Thank you, Year 12. We'll never forget you.

To the 2023 SRC team, congratulations on your selections and we truly cannot wait to see how you can impact the school next year. We know that you'll all do great things and be amazing role models for all the younger years. You'll find that it makes the whole experience that much better. Give it your all, we know you'll smash it! Good luck!

Now, sadly, it's time for us to hang up the blazers and say our goodbyes. We've loved every second of being your College Captains. We want you all to know how grateful we are for all that you've given us, and we can only hope that we've been able to give something back to all of you. It's been the best ride, MacKillop.

With the best wishes and the highest hopes for all of you, we are your 2022 College Captains, signing off.

MADISON ARNOLD & ROHAN MCDONOUGH
College Captains



CAMPUS CAPTAINS' REPORT

Phoebe & Jackson

SENIORS



- Year 10:** Freya Doherty, Gabriel Lugg-Restall, Hamish McWhirter, Daniel Perin
- Year 11:** Joshua Abrokwhah, Samirah Bradshaw, Elizabeth Locke, Kristelle McGowan
- Year 12:** Madison Arnold, Ebony Brunt, Maddison Cameron, Joshua Campbell, Amy Frost, Josh Haynes, Neika Henson, Ghassan Issa, Vuni-John Kamilo, Clare Levings, Charlotte McAvoy, Rohan McDonough, Sienna Molloy, Marcus Murphy, Emily Rasheed, Jaskaran Singh, James Vandermee

This year has been amazing! With so many exciting events, there have been lots of opportunities for everyone to get involved both at the Padua Campus and in the school community.

In Term 1, we raised money for Project Compassion. It was rewarding to see so many people contributing and donating money for those less fortunate. The money raised was donated to people living in poverty, and we are so proud that as a school, we have made such a positive impact.

In Terms 2, 3 and 4, we supported a variety of organisations through the House Charity weeks. With uniform variations and selling Goodberry's, juices, donuts, sausages, pizza and soft drinks, we raised money for some great Charities: Beyond Blue (Ngadyung), MacKillop House (Mindygari), Orange Sky (Meup Meup), and the Ricky Stuart Foundation (Gurabang). We are so grateful to everyone who contributed and got involved; we know that the money will make a significant difference.

In Term 3, we were really excited to finally experience some full school events! With COVID restrictions limiting College events over the past couple of years (including Semester 1 this year), we were so grateful that we could gather together as a College again. Our MacKillop Day Mass, followed by the MacKillop Day celebration was such an exciting day, with opportunities to participate in a range of fun activities! A couple of weeks later, we had the College Athletics Carnival! The weather was wonderful, atmosphere incredible and it was great to see everyone getting involved.

We proudly supported the Vinnies Winter Appeal and the Vinnies Christmas Appeal throughout the year. In Term 3 we collected warm clothes and blankets to offer to those in our community who are homeless during winter. Additionally, in Term 4, we donated a variety of non-perishable food items to help less fortunate families to have an enjoyable Christmas.

As a Campus, we look forward to Market Day each year. This year each PC class contributed through a variety of stalls. This was such a memorable day and it was great to see everyone coming together and having fun!

We are both so very grateful for the opportunity and experience we have had to be your Campus Captains this year. We have made so many great memories that we will cherish forever. We would like to thank Mr Margosis for his ongoing guidance and support throughout the year and of course for always making us laugh! We would also like to thank Mrs Darley, Mrs Bryant and Mr Durham and the media team for their encouragement. We feel honoured and privileged to have led you this year. We will miss this role very much!

PHOEBE VASSALLO & JACKSON SULLIVAN
Padua Campus Captains

JUNIORS



- Year 7:** Savannah Apoderado, Patrick Collins, Elsie D'Ambrosio, Charly Watson
- Year 8:** Delaney Hanns, Katie-Lee James, Alexander McLennan, Tristan Mowlam
- Year 9:** Kaitlyn Arnold, Bruno Filipovic, Tyler Holdway, Zanna Kamilo, Mia O'Connor, David Reyes, Ruby Travers, Bailey Wood

PORTFOLIOS

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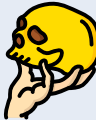
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FAITH & COMMUNITY

MACKILLOP TURNS 25

And just like that, it's the end of another year. But this wasn't just any year! This was the College's 25th year as a school since we became MacKillop way back in 1998.

That's 25 years of living out our College Vision, 25 years of being dynamic and welcoming, 25 years of excellence, and 25 years of faith and courage. Over that time, we've gone from strength to strength, and there's no sign of slowing down.

Congratulations on making it halfway to 50, MacKillop. Let's make the next half even better!

At the start of the 2022 school year, St Mary MacKillop College released its Inclusion and Diversity Statement. This statement was developed throughout 2021 in collaboration with the SRC, Executive, College Board, staff, students, and some members of the wider community.

The statement reminds us of our wish to be welcoming, respectful, supportive, and to celebrate difference and diversity.

Inclusion Diversity

Our Inclusion and Diversity Statement.

St Mary MacKillop College has always been a Catholic school that welcomes everybody. Our Vision uses words such as welcoming, dynamic, excellence and learning. It reflects the values of the Gospel and speaks of the example and legacy of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and her Sisters. A strength of our school and its worth to the wider community lies in its diversity and inclusion.

The range of identities, lived experience and perspectives of our students, teachers, staff, alumni, and their families afford a creative energy and spirit in which authentic and enduring learning occurs. If we are to be our best selves, tolerance, respect for difference, empathy, and welcome must inform our culture of safety and learning. The desire to provide opportunities for all members of our community to contribute to our Vision is an aim to which we must hold ourselves to account.

The school therefore commits its energy to the search for continued improvement for welcome, respect, support, and the celebration of difference. So that each of us can belong, enjoy, and grow from acceptance and shared identity and rejoice in being authentic people of honesty, the College must stand against all forms of ableism, anti-intellectualism, bigotry, disrespect, homophobia, racism, sectarianism, sexism, and transphobia. We must individually and as a community commit our energy and skill to teach our students that compassion, vulnerability, sensitivity, integrity, and courage are at the essence of a healthy understanding of personhood and vital to one's worth to self and others.



FAITH + COMMUNITY

CAPTAIN



This was a year jam packed full of community events and engagement. As an SRC, we worked collectively to collaborate with the community and work to make 2022 the best year it could possibly be. We began the year with an amazing accomplishment, with the Class of 2022 beating the previous Year 12's record to raise \$66,540 for Relay for Life. As a wider College community, we also fundraised for Caritas, the four House Charities, and St Vincent De Paul.

Since starting at MacKillop in Year 7, I have loved the opportunity to work with the broader community as it has helped me develop as a person and broadened my perspective on life. While we had it easier than the 2021 SRC, we learnt to adapt to changing times and worked to embrace everything the year had to throw at us. With a little bit of organisation and a whole lot of laughter and positivity, MacKillop has once again grown and continued to be a dynamic, welcoming community. To anyone that is considering SRC, I'll give you one piece of advice: DO IT, you will not regret it.

Thank you to the amazing teachers, Executive, and community for your contribution to all the events this year. They would not have been possible without everyone involved. This year couldn't have been any better, definitely a highlight and memory I will never forget. Farewell MacKillop, you've been a dream.

NEIKA HENSON

Faith & Community Captain

RELAY FOR LIFE

ANOTHER RELAY RECORD

MacKillop's Year 12 students have managed to set a new College record in the Relay for Life, amassing a total of \$66,540 for Cancer Council ACT.

The total amount, which was enough to top the \$59,000 raised by the Class of 2021, saw MacKillop finish the Relay for Life as Canberra's top fundraising school. Student Emily Cridland, who had sought the promotional support of Mark Parton MLA on behalf of MacKillop, was the highest individual student fundraiser in Canberra and the second-highest individual in the overall Canberra rankings.

Due to COVID, Canberra schools were encouraged to participate in the 'Relay Your Way' event, which resulted in MacKillop holding the relay at the St Peter's Campus on Saturday 2 April. Students braved the cold and the rain as they walked, ran, or rolled their way around the St Peter's Campus oval between the hours of 7am and 7pm. Over the day, several students in the year group covered the distance of a marathon. At the conclusion of the Relay, students held a candle ceremony in honour of loved ones lost to cancer and to support those who are living with cancer.

Whilst the Class of 2022 has every right to celebrate these efforts and achievements, the real reward for the students was to see the money go to a good cause. The College thanks all who contributed and congratulates the Class of 2022 on this fantastic achievement.





Photo credit: Hilary Wardhaugh

Launch of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

St Mary MacKillop College was invited to participate in Cancer Council ACT's Biggest Morning Tea at Government House on Thursday 19 May. MacKillop was invited to attend as a thank you for the huge effort of Year 12 in the 2022 Relay for Life.

Year 12 Coordinator Leonie Sullivan was joined by Year 12 students Rohan McDonough (College Captain), Neika Henson (Faith & Community Captain), and Dylan Neindorf, who was one of MacKillop's highest fundraisers.

The students were personally thanked and congratulated by the Governor-General, David Hurley, and Her Excellency Mrs Linda Hurley, for their Relay for Life efforts. Of course, the fundraising efforts of Year 12 were not possible without the many, many people in our community who donated to the cause. The College once again would like to thank all who contributed.



House Charities.

Over the year, the four Houses raised money and awareness for their chosen charities, with each House having a dedicated House Charity Week. In 2022, the Houses supported: MacKillop House (Mindygari), the Ricky Stuart Foundation (Gurabang), Orange Sky (Meup Meup), and Beyond Blue (Ngadyung). The House Charity Weeks were packed full of various fundraising events, including the selling of food and drink and a range of activities and competitions.



Neighbourly Love.

MacKillop has forged a strong relationship with the Isabella Gardens Retirement Village and our Social and Community Work class has been at the forefront of that connection. The class regularly visits Isabella Gardens to bring gifts, spend time with the residents, or to help out around the village. Our Senior Hospitality students have also put on a High Tea fundraiser for Isabella Gardens in the past, but were unable to do so due to COVID restrictions this year.

FUNDRAISING



Project Compassion.

During the season of Lent, students at MacKillop are encouraged to donate towards Project Compassion, Caritas Australia's annual fundraising and awareness raising appeal, which seeks to raise funds for people living in some of the most vulnerable communities across the world.

Led by the SRC on both campuses, the College raised \$12,241, with students demonstrating their generosity, community spirit and willingness to assist those in need.



St Vincent de Paul.

Every year, MacKillop gets on board with the different initiatives of the St Vincent de Paul Society. This year was no different. Not only did we help collect for the Vinnies Winter Appeal and the Vinnies Christmas Appeal, but we also contributed to Vinnies through particular classes, such as the Pathways to Work and Learning class, which baked cookies for the Vinnies Night Patrol.

AND CHARITY



Gift of Life Walk.

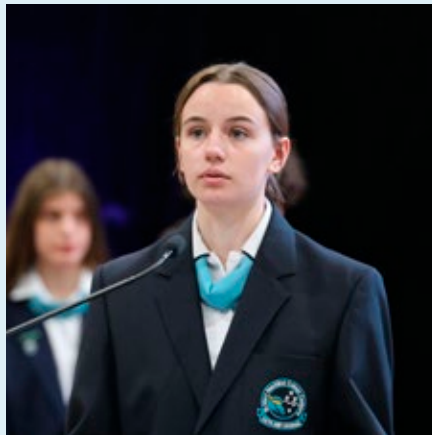
MacKillop's Year 11 students participated in the Gift of Life Walk in Term 1 to highlight the importance of organ and tissue donation. A majority of students from the Year 11 cohort stayed back after school on Friday 18 March to complete the 5km walk and to promote Donatelife's call for people to register as organ donors.

The students spread the message by sharing content on their social media accounts and they were also encouraged to have conversations with their families about registering as donors through www.donatelife.gov.au. Congratulations to the students of Year 11 for participating in the walk and for helping to spread the message!



LITURGY

Liturgy is a huge part of the Faith and Community life of MacKillop. With some COVID restrictions persisting this year, some liturgies were held in a digital format, including our Ash Wednesday Service, the Easter Liturgy, and our ANZAC Ceremony. The Remembrance Day Ceremony was also held digitally so it could be shown in classes at the appropriate time. Fortunately, many events could go ahead in person, including liturgies at camps and retreats, end of year events, weekly campus masses, and one of the highlights of the year, our MacKillop Day Mass on 13 September.



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MACKILLOP DAY RETURNS



One of our favourite days of the year

MacKillop Day returned to its traditional format in 2022, with a mass and activities to celebrate the College community and the life and legacy of our patron.

MacKillop Day was held on Tuesday 13 September and the College was blessed with beautiful spring weather. It commenced with Mass at the Tuggeranong Basketball Stadium and concluded with a range of fun activities and stalls at the St Peter's Campus.

The activities at the St Peter's Campus were festive, with activities like an obstacle course, the horizontal bungee, face painting, sumo wrestling, carnival games, upbeat music, and a wide range of food and drink. The St Peter's Campus also had a digital PC auction to raise money for the Tegan Blunt Memorial Gift.

We hope it was an enjoyable day for all!

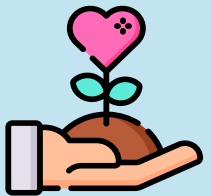
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FAITH & COMMUNITY



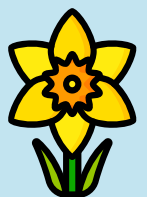
56% of MacKillop students have been baptised Catholic.



6% of students regularly help with charities in their spare time.



11% of staff regularly help with charities in their spare time.



The Class of 2022 raised \$7,500 more in Relay for Life than Year 12 did last year.

CROSS CAMPUS

Cross-Campus Interaction Program.

The Cross-Campus Interaction Program was such a fun experience. Being able to bond with all the students on the Junior Campus was so special and really put my time here at MacKillop into a new perspective. Seeing all of my old teachers and the campus itself felt so nostalgic and made me excited to head over to Padua. The program gives Year 12 students the chance to spend one period each week, where we can share our knowledge, experiences, and passion for a particular subject with a Junior Campus class. Talking with my peers who also did the program, they all thought it was a rewarding opportunity that redefined their perspective of what community at MacKillop really is.

AMY SCOTT
Year 12



After-School Sport.

The After-School Sports Program gave senior students the chance to run sport one afternoon per week on the Padua Campus. It was a really awesome way of connecting with the younger students and some of our old teachers. It was really fun running around and interacting with the students and giving them an insight into senior studies. It taught us a lot about leadership and being a role model, but also about the importance of having fun and providing a safe environment for students. It was good to see all the younger students running around, having fun, trying new sports, and having some friendly competition.

AMY FROST, GUS ISSA + EBONY BRUNT
Year 12

Religious Studies



Year 9 CSYMA.

Year 9 CSYMA (Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia) for me was a really enjoyable experience. I was originally very excited to start CSYMA as I did have an idea about what it was but didn't expect it to be that good. CSYMA really helped me to form a stronger connection with God and also helped me gain knowledge about different ways to get closer to God in a much more inclusive and fun environment than normal RE. CSYMA is all about "faith journeys" which was very helpful for me in my day to day life and made me reflect on my own faith journey which did me a lot of good. The environment was so supportive and helped me form stronger connections with others. Joining CSYMA would have to be one of the best choices I've made.

SUMMER CASEY

Year 9

Year 8 RE.

During our year studying Religion, we have explored a variety of topics. From the Old Testament to the Trinity, virtues, rituals and baptism, each lesson has broadened our understanding of religious principles and cultivated our knowledge of their relation to everyday life. During Term 1, we examined in detail the Covenants made between God and significant figures in the Hebrew Scriptures including Noah, Abraham and Moses. Later on, we learnt about the Holy Trinity and its combination of the three beings in one God. In Term 2, we covered the four Cardinal Virtues; Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance, including their roles in daily life, as well as the virtues possessed and demonstrated by historical figures. As Semester 2 started, we began extending our knowledge of different cultures and traditions through the study of rituals. Then we focused our investigation on a more specific ritual: Catholic Baptism. In Term 4 we went into depth on interfaith dialogue and connected it to historical occurrences, such as the crusades. To conclude, our Year 8 experience in religion was both intriguing and enjoyable, and a successful year of acquiring knowledge.

ADI ZISMAN + CHARLIE COY

Year 8

Year 9 CSYMA.

Being in CSYMA, our RE class focused a lot more on our personal perspectives of ideas and what we think God would think about certain topics. Being a part of CSYMA has helped make my connection with God stronger, because I feel that I'm not just learning about the Bible. Everyone contributes their opinions, making our class more open to ideas.

FAYE GRANT

Year 9

Year 9 RE.

This year's Religion class was an eye-opening and impactful subject. We learnt about different ways the Church and religion have influenced previous world-wide events and how we have learnt from them. Along with it being inspiring, this year has also been engaging and full of various activities. We have had the Youth Minister, Anh, come to our class to show us different games and ways to view religion. She has encouraged us to connect with ourselves and shown us one way to connect with faith is to go on chat walks with her. This year's RE has definitely been different from other years, as it has filled us with more knowledge about the Church and faith.

CHRISTINA GIANNIS

Year 9

Year 9 RE.

In Year 9 RE this year, we covered many important topics. From questions about why we have to suffer if God made the world good, to looking into the challenges of modernity. The work and assessments challenged us but were also fun, with the essays a way for us to develop our understanding of the topic and the creative tasks a way for us to express our creativity. Recently, we completed a task about a chosen historical event and how it changed/challenged the Church, and we had to turn it into something a Year 7 student would understand. Year 9 RE has been an open place where we can ask questions that have helped us further understand our Catholic faith and other faiths around the world as well.

MARIANA CALLIGARO

Year 9



FAITH & COMMUNITY



Youth Ministry.

This year at the College students have had opportunities to explore and deepen their understanding of faith.

In Semester 1, students were able to attend Lunch with the Archbishop at the Academy Launch and Lunch in May, where they learned about opportunities to further leadership skills in Youth Ministry upon graduating from the College.

In October, students and staff had an opportunity to participate in praying the rosary at both campuses. October is the Month of the Rosary in the Catholic tradition.

With COVID-19 related restrictions easing in Term 4, the Year 10 CSYMA class travelled to Padua campus and delivered their Liturgy presentations on meditation, stewardship and servant leadership to Year 8 students.

Year 10 CSYMA also were able to volunteer two afternoons at the Tuggeranong chapter of St Vincent de Paul to help sort clothes and items.

Year 9 and 10 CSYMA classes participated in the Archdiocesan Shine conference at Merici College where they attended a range of workshops to deepen their faith formation.

The Youth Ministry team concluded the year with a retreat focusing on the theme, 'To be Seen, Known and Loved', held at Corpus Christi Parish.

ELSPETH RICHARDSON

CSYMA Teacher

