



SECONDARY ACTIVITIES

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What makes St Mary MacKillop so important to our history in Australia?

- Educational Contributions:** Mary MacKillop the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart in 1866, alongside Father Julian Tenison-Woods. This order focused on providing free to poor children in rural and remote areas of Australia, which was groundbreaking at the time. Their contribution made education accessible to many who would otherwise have been
- Schools and Institutions:** Under her leadership, the Sisters of St Joseph established 117 schools, 12 homes for children, and institutions across Australia and New Zealand.
- Overcoming Challenges:** Mary MacKillop faced significant opposition from both within and outside the Church, including being excommunicated from the in 1871 (later lifted). Her resilience in the face of demonstrated her unwavering commitment to her mission and inspired many.
- Spiritual Legacy:** Her deep and spirituality left a lasting impact on the Catholic Church in Australia. She became a symbol of perseverance, faith, and dedication.
- Advocacy for the Poor:** Mary MacKillop dedicated her life to advocating for the marginalised and....., providing education, shelter, and support to those in need. Her work set a precedent for social justice and charity in Australia.
- Canonisation:** In 2010, Mary MacKillop was canonised as Australia's first saint by Benedict XVI. This recognition highlighted her extraordinary contributions to and the Church.
- National Identity:** Mary MacKillop is an integral part of Australian history and culture, embodying values such as....., determination, and service to others. Her story is celebrated in Australian history and is taught in schools across the nation.
- Inspiration:** She serves as a role for Australians and people worldwide, inspiring acts of charity, education, and advocacy for the disadvantaged.



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Extracts from Mary MacKillop

The following extracts were taken from the many letters of encouragement Mary wrote to her sisters and others. Read and reflect on each statement by St Mary:

“God’s love is too deep for words to express”. MMK 1870

“All will be right with time and a little patience”. MMK 1873

“Gratitude is the memory of the heart”. MMK 1907

“We have much for which to be thankful.” MMK 1873

“May God bless and keep you strong”. MMK 1875

a) Which extract above touches your heart the most? Why?

b) Re-read p1 after filling in the gaps.

c) Choose any four contributions attributed to St Mary MacKillop (1-8): Nos.

d) Search the internet to locate an image that covers each of the 4 you have chosen.

e) Create a fitting caption for each image.

f) Watch a video outlining the life and legacy of Mary MacKillop.

g) Compile a reflection statement on Mary MacKillop, using the following prompts:

- a. What have you learnt about St Mary?
- b. What were some of the challenges she faced?
- c. What inspires you most about her?
- d. Outline a change you could make in your own life to be more like her.
