



## **Saint Mary MacKillop, a life of forgiveness Jesus Teaches Us How Much He Loves Us**

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre is an educational resource for teaching the Victorian RE curriculum through the story of Mary MacKillop, Julian Tension Woods and the Sisters of St Joseph and their contribution to Catholic schooling and social welfare in Australia.

This program provides a direct response to the **Year 3** curriculum unit, **Jesus Teaches Us How Much He Loves Us**, as outlined in *Coming to Know, Worship and Love: A Religious Education Curriculum Framework for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne*, Melbourne 2005.

***“Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing” Luke 3:34***

### **OVERVIEW**

Reconciliation is central to the Catholic faith and Catholic tradition. Mary MacKillop was always forgiving of others and she lived her life as a person of compassion through her thoughts, words and actions.

### **ACTIVITIES**

Students will:

- listen to events in Mary MacKillop’s life that showed her compassion and mercy towards others in her ministry;
- engage in tasks related to Reconciliation - role playing situations that show a change of heart;
- pray in the chapel where Mary prayed; and
- practise genuflecting, making the sign of the Cross and reflecting on the symbols and meaning of Reconciliation.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the conclusion of this program students will have:

- Knowledge of Mary MacKillop and the meaning of compassion
- Identified everyday situations involving positive and negative choices and the impact of their decisions and the role of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Knowledge of Reconciliation symbols and importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation