

Missionary Spirit in Catholic Education

A Journey with St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

22–26 August 2022

Melbourne, Portland, Penola, Adelaide

This program will engage participants in the story, faith and spirituality of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, with particular focus on her model as pioneer and leader in Catholic education in Australia.

The program includes:

- an introductory session (via Zoom) – 4.30 pm, Tuesday 25 May 2022
- a Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre tour and a walking tour visiting sites in East Melbourne – 2.00 pm, Tuesday 12 July 2022
- a pilgrimage, travelling via private coach from Werribee to Portland, Penola and Adelaide – 9.30 am, 22 August to 26 August 2022 (participants return to Melbourne by air)
- an evaluation in Term 4, 2022.

This pilgrimage will focus on:

- leadership factors that contributed to Mary's work in education, the community and the Church, including personal, historical and spiritual factors, alongside a vision of justice for all
- the physical journey as an experiential reference point to engage with Mary's story and provide inspiration to school leaders in their role in Catholic education today
- relationship with God, recognition of giftedness and service
- responding to our diverse contexts through a sense of calling, service and mission.

Pilgrimage itinerary

Date	Location
Monday 22 August (9.30 am)	MacKillop Catholic Regional College, Werribee – Portland
Tuesday 23 August	Portland – Penola
Wednesday 24 August	Penola
Thursday 25 August	Penola – Adelaide
Friday 26 August	Adelaide

Note: accommodation will comprise single rooms with ensuite.

Any accommodation or travel outside the program is at the expense of the participant.

The pilgrimage days will commence with prayer and reflection based on the focus areas and Mary's story relevant to the location. Resources may include Mary's letters, scripture and artwork.

A range of activities will be offered to complement the theme of the day and will be supported by the Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage app, e.g. local walking tours, visits to one or more sites connected with Mary, a *camino*-style contemplative walk, creative tasks such as art or photography.

Participants will gather as a group each afternoon to share experiences, journal and deepen their understanding of the daily theme.

Optional evening sessions (depending on demand or interest) will be offered after dinner, e.g. spiritual conversation or contemplative dialogue, theological reflection, examen, guided meditation.

Application Process

Principals may apply for approval and funding support by completing the Principal Formation Programs Application Package available on the CEVN website <https://cevn.cecv.catholic.edu.au> under *Mission & Identity* / [Principal Formation Programs](#).

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