



Important Dates

Year 10 Career and
Employment Expo
Friday 12 May

Year 7 Retreat
Thursday 25 May

Year 7 2024 Autumn
Transition Morning
Wednesday 31 May

Year 10 Retreat
commences
Thursday 1 June

Principal's Tour
Friday 2 June

Year 10 Retreat
concludes
Friday 2 June

Walla Design
Reconciliation Week
Workshop
Friday 2 June

Come 'n' Try
MacKillop Day
Wednesday 7 June

Corpus Christi Mass
Thursday 8 June

Twilight Music
Concert
Thursday 8 June

Slime Spectacular
Friday 9 June

Public Holiday
Monday 12 June

Collage of
Migration
Friday 16 June

Year 10 Canberra
trip commences
Sunday 18 June

Year 11 Exams
commence
Monday 19 June

Year 10 Futures
Week commences
Monday 19 June

Year 11 Exams
conclude
Thursday 22 June

Year 10 Futures

Year 10 Canberra

Student Free Day

Principal's Tour

Year 10 Futures
Week concludes
Thursday 22 June

Year 10 Canberra
trip concludes
Thursday 22 June

Student Free Day
Semester change
over
Friday 23 June

Principal's Tour
Wednesday 28 June

Year 12 Vinnie's
Sleepout
Thursday 29 June

Term 2 concludes -
1.25pm dismissal
Friday 7 July

Acknowledgement of Country

Mary MacKillop College acknowledges the Kurna people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, work and study. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Opening Prayer

May is the Month of Mary. For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God.

Let us Pray,

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Amen

Courage and Leadership

From the Principal

Sonia Nelson



We hope all families and staff enjoyed a wonderful holiday break and are ready for a fantastic Term 2! It has started well, with our girls continuing their learning activities with enthusiasm and engagement.

It was such a delight to have some of our families join us for the Good News Assembly and Awards Ceremony on Thursday last week. We congratulate those students recognised for their academic excellence or endeavour, commitment to community and service, or for demonstrating the spirit of Mary MacKillop during Term 1. We enjoyed a video snapshot of Saturday sport activities and teams, heard from some Year 7s about their great start at our College and finished with a surprise for each student. Our 'Be a MacKillop Girl' stickers were distributed and we look forward to seeing them on the rear window of our families' cars! Any of our old scholars are also encouraged to contact us to obtain a 'Once a MacKillop Girl, Always a MacKillop Girl' sticker for their vehicle.

We were fortunate at the Awards Ceremony to hear the dulcet tones of our College Choir before they headed to the Generations in Jazz Festival in Mount Gambier the next day. They represented the school admirably at the event and returned tired but excited on Sunday evening.

Thank you for the support of your daughter's learning journey last Tuesday, with strong attendance at the recent Years 7-10 Learning Review Evening. These conversations between teachers, students and parents provided an important opportunity to work in partnership to affirm the progress of the students and discuss areas for future improvement and growth.

And finally, every blessing to all the grandmothers, mothers and mother figures in our Mary MacKillop College community. We give thanks for these special people in our lives, the endless love, support and wisdom they give us and their selfless efforts to bring out the best in those they care for. God bless you all!

Go well and stay warm as the colder weather sets in.

Sonia Nelson

Principal

Awards Ceremony and Good News Assembly





From the Deputy Principal

Jasmin Eckert



Primary School Partnerships Program

In a heart-warming display of community outreach, MacKillop students have been engaging with their younger counterparts from partner primary schools. The initiative has seen the older students visit some partner primary schools, spending time with the primary students, making connections and sharing their experiences of high school.

The interactions so far have involved some Year 9 MacKillop students supporting a Colour Run at Saint Joseph's Payneham, Dance students performing during an assembly at our partner primary schools and the Year 9 Specialist Netball class preparing Netball clinics for various primary schools.

One particularly successful event was our Come 'n' Try MacKillop day which we continue to hold each term. On this day, MacKillop students support the primary students engage with MacKillop life. The benefits of this initiative are clear. The younger children can see what their future may hold and gain insight into high school life. The older students, on the other hand, can develop leadership skills, gain experience working with younger children and foster a sense of community spirit. MacKillop students are excited to host our next Come 'n' Try MacKillop day on 7 June 2023. They have been enthusiastic about sharing their knowledge and skills with the primary school students, while these students have been eager to learn from their older peers. MacKillop students have expressed their enthusiasm for the program, with many stating that they feel privileged to have the opportunity to give back to the community and inspire the next generation of students. As the program continues to grow, it is hoped that it will include sport and dance clinics, music performances and reading sessions with younger students to inspire the next generation of wonderful MacKillop girls.

Winter Uniform reminders

As the weather gets colder, it is important that we remind everyone about the correct winter uniform.

Please make sure that you wear the following items as part of your winter uniform:

- Shirt - polycotton long sleeve shirt
- Mary MacKillop College tunic or Mary MacKillop College pant

- Jumper v-neck with College crest
- Mary MacKillop College blazer
- Marine socks/tights - long pull up sock OR Tights 70 Denier – navy
- Footwear Indiana black t-bar leather shoes
- Hair tied back with Mary MacKillop College ribbon
- Mary MacKillop scarf
- During Terms 2 and 3 the College blazer is to be worn to and from school.

Students are permitted to wear their PE uniform to and from school on days when they have PE or have training after school. The PE beanie and scarf maybe worm with the PE uniform when students are required to be outdoors.

A reminder about jewellery and cosmetics:

- No jewellery, other than a watch and small plain gold or silver ear sleepers/studs, with only one earring in the lower ear lobe, may be worn
- Religious medals must not be visible
- Nail polish and make up are not permitted
- Finger nails must be short and clear in colour
- Eyelash extensions are not permitted
- Hair must be off the face and if shoulder length or longer must be tied up off the shoulders
- No extreme hairstyles including unnatural hair colours are permitted
- Facial piercing is not accepted at the College or whenever a student is wearing her school uniform.

Remember, the uniform is an important part of our school culture and helps to create a sense of unity and belonging. By wearing the correct winter uniform, you are representing our College in the best possible way.

Slime Spectacular

We are excited to announce our upcoming Slime Spectacular fundraising event, which is set to be the most fun and entertaining fundraising event of the year!

Our Slime Spectacular fundraising event is aimed at raising funds to support the various programs and initiatives of Project Compassion. We believe that everyone deserves access to quality education, healthcare, and basic necessities such as food and shelter and we are committed to making that a reality through our initiatives.

Our Slime Spectacular event is not only a fun way to support our cause, but it is also a great opportunity to connect as a College community. The Student Leadership Team (SLT) are selling t-shirts for \$5 to wear on the day of Slime Spectacular. The t-shirts have the MMC Slime Spectacular logo on the back allowing space on the front for students to decorate themselves. Students can wear these t-shirts as they participate in the slime run and slime slide. We invite students to decorate the front of their t-shirt depicting the fun that slime spectacular may bring. Students then email a picture of their t-shirt to their Year Level Prefect and the SLT will vote for a lucky winner in each year level. The winning designs will have the opportunity to slime a staff member. All money raised from the sale of t-shirts will be donated to Project Compassion. We hope everyone can support those less fortunate and get involved.

The Slime Spectacular fundraising event will take place on Friday 9 June during Lesson 8 at the College. Keep an eye out for the Consent to Go that is coming soon.

To support please send donations to the front office and/or purchase a t-shirt from your SLT. All proceeds for this exciting event will make a difference in the lives of those who need it most. Together, we can make a positive impact on our community and create a brighter future for all.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to seeing students at the Slime Spectacular fundraising event!

Jasmin Eckert

Deputy Principal

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MMC Car Stickers

From the Student Leadership Team



The SLT are proud to launch their Mary MacKillop College car stickers!

If you would like one for your car, please see Vera in the front office.

Our Josephite Heritage

Sr Mary Cresp



It is with love and gratitude that we farewell and thank Sr Mary Cresp for her years of service to Mary MacKillop College.

Sr Mary Cresp served our community on the College Board from 2014 to 2023 as Board Director and Deputy Chair.

We acknowledge Sr Mary Cresp for her dedication and contribution. Her directorship is distinguished by her knowledge of history, strength of mind and spirit, steady gentle guidance, support and courage, as well as a readiness to accompany, challenge and affirm.

Sr Mary Cresp has been described by colleagues as accomplished, spiritual, enterprising and the face of God to those she meets.

We honour Sr Mary first and foremost for her generosity, living a life of service for others, as a Sister of St Joseph.

Thank you Sr Mary.

Teaching and Learning

Generations In Jazz

Elicia Baldwin



We are very proud of our Performance Choir's participation in the recent Generations In Jazz (GIJ) weekend in Mount Gambier.

While it was a cold, wet and somewhat muddy weekend, the students were excellent ambassadors for our College as they revelled in three days of superb music, masterclasses and concerts with some of the best musicians in the country.

Our Performance Choir performed wonderfully on Saturday and although nervous, sung their two pieces 'My Favourite Things' and 'Don't You Worry 'Bout a Thing' with a great sense of enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed every moment of their time on stage.

This is the first year GIJ has returned as a live event after a lengthy break due to COVID-19 restrictions. All students performed well and have learnt more about musicianship, intonation and awareness of the commitment required to excel as ensembles.

Highlights for the group were:

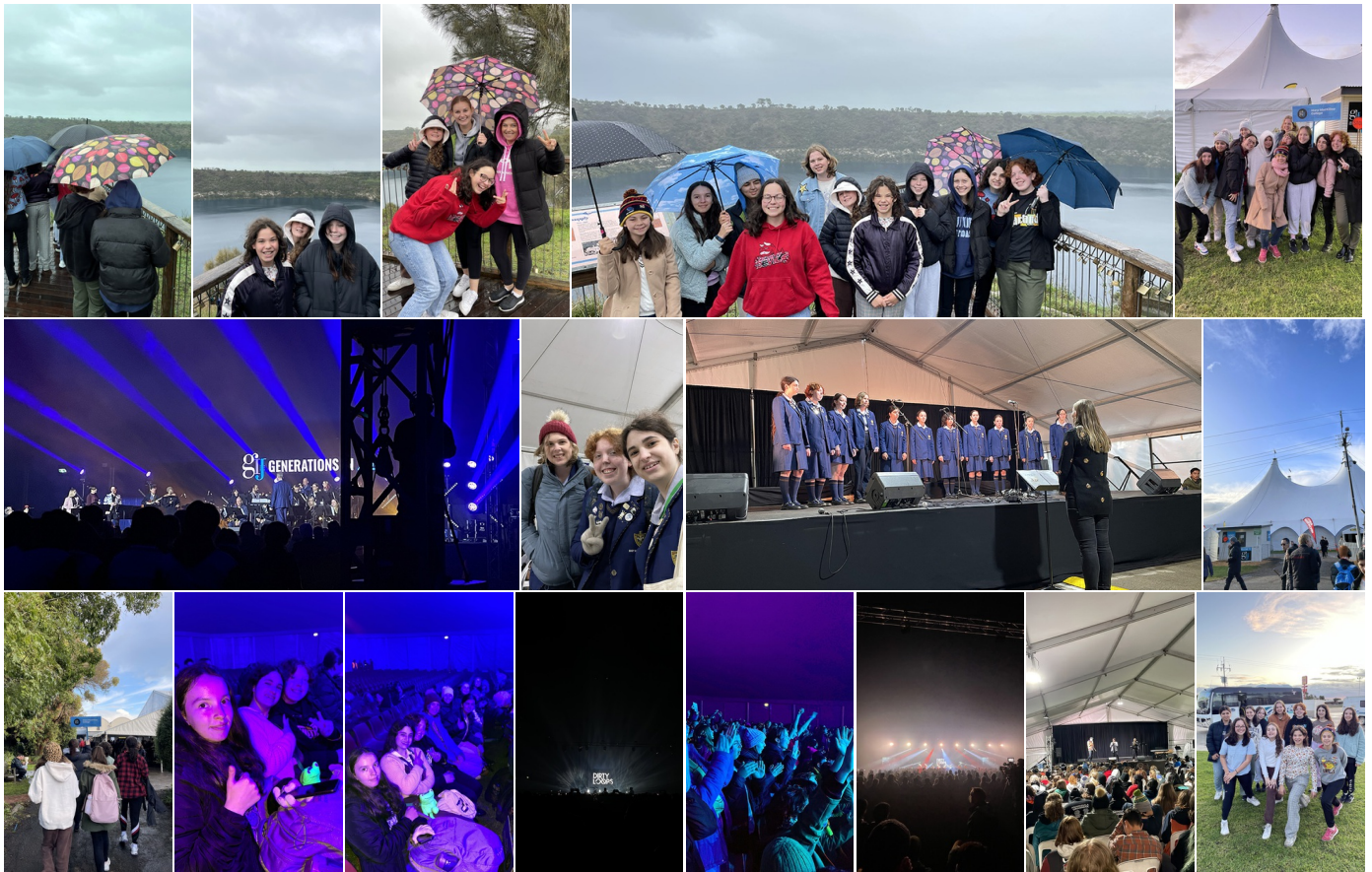
- Watching the amazing performances from Swedish group 'Dirty Loops' at their only Australian performance
- Seeing Thndo (recent winner of The Voice) and Adam Lopez perform live
- Enjoying the Generations In Jazz pro Big Band who performed with Thndo and Adam Lopez
- Being amongst 4500 enthusiastic music students from around Australia.

Thank you to each staff member, music teacher, parent and most importantly, the students, for the work that was put in and the effort invested to make sure that we all shone proudly!

Elicia Baldwin

Teacher

Generations In Jazz



Welcome to our Pre-Service Teachers



Hi, everyone! My name is Kelsey Toney. I am a pre-service teacher undertaking my first year at the University of Adelaide working toward a Master of Teaching. I have recently moved from my home state of Texas in the U.S., where I received my Bachelor of Science and Arts degree in Biology from the University of Texas at Austin. During my time at Mary MacKillop College, I will be helping to teach several Science classes, as well as Year 11 Biology, alongside the amazing teachers you have all come to know and love. I look forward to my time at Mary MacKillop!
Kelsey.

Hello, I'm Leila Clendon and I'm excited to be joining Mary MacKillop College for my final teaching placement. I am in the last year of my Master of Teaching at Adelaide University and my specialty areas are English, History and Geography. I will mainly be working with Year 10 Red in PLP, English and Religion, as well as teaching a Year 8 History and a Year 8 Geography class. I am really looking forward to engaging in the school community and getting to know everyone!
Leila.



Hi, I'm Tyson. I am undertaking my final placement for my Master of Teaching at the University of Adelaide, specialising in Biology and General Science. Having worked in boarding schools domestically and abroad, I am eager to employ my background to get to know the students, faculty, and wider school community. I am currently working with a Stage 1 Biology class, two Year 10 Science classes, a Year 9 Science class as well as the Year 11 Green Pastoral Care class. I am really looking forward to learning and developing as a teacher during my time here at Mary MacKillop College.

Tyson.

Hi, my name is Fergus and I am currently enrolled in my final year of university studies. My areas of teaching are English and History, and whilst at Mary MacKillop College I will be engaging with a broad range of year levels and classes. I look forward to working closely with the teachers, students and the wider community throughout my time at MMC.

Fergus.



ICAS is on its way!



Do you enjoy an academic challenge?

Would you like to test your skills and knowledge in Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics and/or Science?

If so, then ICAS is you!

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is a multiple choice challenge conducted annually in Australia and in over 20 countries including Asia, Africa, Europe, Pacific countries and America.

Assessing a range of skills across a variety of subjects, **ICAS is open to Mary MacKillop College students from Years 7 - 12**. In 2023, the College is offering students the opportunity to participate in the following ICAS challenges in Term 3:

Digital Technologies (contact Mrs Tatarelli)

English (contact Ms Del Corso)

Science (contact Mrs Spizzo)

Mathematics (contact Ms Christopher)

Each assessment takes approximately 1 hour to complete and there is **no cost involved to students or families**. Participating students will receive a certificate in recognition of their involvement and an record of their achievement level.

For those interested in participating in any or all of the competitions, please visit the ICAS website for more information and sample questions.

<https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/subjects>

Students committed to the challenge are asked to email the relevant teacher/s via **SEQTA Direct before Friday 7 July (Term 2 Week 10)**.

Everyone is welcome to participate.

Ms Christopher Mathematics Leader of Learning

Mrs Tatarelli Digital Technologies Leader of Learning

Ms Del Corso English Leader of Learning

Mrs Spizzo Science Leader of Learning

Sport

From the Sport Coordinator

Zoe Duffy



We are delighted to share the achievements of our students at the recent South Australian Catholic Secondary Schools Girls' Sports Association (SACSSGSA) Swimming Carnival. Our school's swimming team showcased their talent, determination and unwavering spirit throughout the event, culminating in an impressive seventh place finish in the highly competitive A Grade division.

The SACSSGSA Swimming Carnival held at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Center was an afternoon filled with fierce competition and outstanding performances. Our students exhibited exceptional sportsmanship, representing our College with pride and grace. Your determination and courage have made us immensely proud.

Saturday morning sport commences tomorrow morning. Alarms will be set and students and their families will be braving the cold, crisp winter mornings to compete in netball, soccer or badminton. We wish all students the best of luck for the season ahead and we look forward to sharing their achievements with the community.

Zoe Duffy

Sport Coordinator

Old Scholar News

Lara Damiani

Class of 1985



After graduating from MacKillop in 1985, I pursued a Bachelor of Arts degree at Adelaide University, setting the foundation for an incredible journey that would take me across industries and continents shaping my perspective and fuelling my passion for adventure and my curiosity about people and the world.

By the age of 23, I had become the youngest female Executive Officer in the Australian fishing industry, serving with the SA Fishing Industry Training Council. In a few short years, I helped to establish the first fishing industry training centre in Australia - the SA Fishing Industry Skills Centre - which would later evolve into the Australian Fisheries Academy, based in Port Adelaide.

From there, I went on to work in senior communications and PR roles within private industry and government, but eventually decided to make a total career change in my late 30s and become a documentary filmmaker. One of the first documentaries that inspired me was "Roses in September," which I watched during a Year 12 Retreat.

Years later, I had the privilege of rekindling my friendship with Tim Deslandes, the Religious Coordinator who introduced me to "Roses in September" during our Year 12 Retreat, and spending precious moments over coffee, breakfasts and dinners with him, his wife Moira, and some of my closest friends from Mary MacKillop before he passed away, a testament to the profound impact he had on my life.

In 2008, I founded Think Films, a production company committed to creating impactful films and documentaries. My debut feature, "Tibet's Cry for Freedom," which I directed, produced, and distributed, was picked up by Czech Television and TV NZ, and screened in over 14 international film festivals.

Over the years, I have worked on a variety of projects in remote locations around the world, including Tibet, India, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Myanmar, and the Pacific Islands, for organizations such as UNDP, the World Bank, and Relief International. In 2018, my short film "Little Bang's New Eye", which delved into the work of 2020 Australian of the Year, Dr. James Muecke, and Adelaide-based NGO Sight For All, was broadcast on SBS and won several international documentary awards.

My other productions include "A Place to Call Home", a film that tells the story of Emmaus Community in Perth, which provides long-term community housing for adults with complex mental illness. It was acquired by ABC's Compass and ran on ABC and ABC iView from 2020-2022. In 2021, I released my interactive multimedia documentary, "Banjo Morton: The Untold Story," which highlights the story of the first walk-off by Aboriginal stockmen in the Northern Territory. The project began with my visit to Banjo on his country in central

Australia back in 2010.

Throughout my career, I have been driven by purpose, and I owe much of my success to the exceptional education and supportive environment that Mary MacKillop College provided. The school offered me extraordinary teachers who left a lasting impression on my heart, as well as opportunities to explore my creativity through roles in school plays, drama productions, and prefectship. To this day, I maintain strong friendships with friends I made at Mary MacKillop, and the school's impact on my life has been immeasurable.

Lara Damiani

Class of 1985

Be A MacKillop Girl

Come 'n' Try MacKillop Days



Mary MacKillop College warmly invites girls in Years 4, 5 and 6 to spend a day with us as a MacKillop girl.

Come 'n' Try MacKillop Days are a wonderful opportunity for your daughter to meet our staff and students while being involved in a range of interactive lessons and meeting new friends.

[Click here to book a Come 'n' Try MacKillop Day.](#)

Principal's Tour



Join our Principal, Sonia Nelson, for a tour of the College.

Principal's Tours are a great opportunity for prospective MacKillop girls and families to visit the College and to meet our Principal. You will meet senior staff and students on an intimate tour of the school and experience our warm hospitality.

Term 2 Dates

Friday 2 June, 9.30am

Wednesday 28 June, 9.30am

[**Book Now**](#)

Community

Canteen News



Did you know?

Our College Canteen has a 5 Star Excellent Food Safety Rating!

Thank you to Jayne, our Canteen Manager, who goes above and beyond for our students, parents and staff.

Dance Worlds



Congratulations to Year 11 students Alessia, Alicia, Alissa and Crystelle on their achievements at Dance Worlds!

During the April school holidays, the girls travelled to Orlando, Florida with Angela Marveggio (former MMC Teacher and owner of Empire Dance Studio) to compete in Dance Worlds at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort.

The girls danced alongside MMC Old Scholars Alessia Sotira, Renee Caprioli, Danielle Musolino, Isabella Silvestri, Alyssa Villani and Lucy Atkinson, competing against teams from all over the world.

The results were:

Open Pom - placed 13th in the world

Junior Jazz - placed 9th in the world

Open Jazz - placed 18th in the semi sinals

Open Lyrical - placed 13th in the semi finals

Open Hip Hop - placed 6th in the world

Well done to all involved - we are proud of your courage, hard work, dedication and all you have achieved!

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability 2023

It is a government requirement for all schools to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

The NCCD collects data about school students with disability who are receiving adjustments across Australia in a consistent, reliable and systematic way. It enables schools, education authorities and governments to better understand the needs of students with disability and how they can be best supported at school (www.nccd.edu.au).

Information gathered is used:

- as an evidence base, to give teachers, schools and sectors information about students with disability and the level of educational adjustment being provided.
- to inform policy development and future planning to better equip schools and education authorities to support students with 18 / 24 disability.
- to improve understanding of the requirements and responsibilities of school teams and the broader community under the DDA and the Standards.
- to capture the work of schools under the obligations of the DDA and the Standards, allowing students with disability to access and participate in education on the same basis as other students
- to highlight the individual needs of each student with disability by focusing on the level of educational support provided to them at school (www.nccd.edu.au).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

Students' personal details are de-identified as a part of the data collection. Please contact Inclusive Education Coordinator, Leanne Carr if you have any questions about the NCCD.

More information is available on the following website: <https://www.nccd.edu.au>

Leanne Carr

Inclusive Education Coordinator

FREE Tuition* for Mid-Year Reception Enrolment

Enrol your son to start in Term 3
and get FREE tuition for 2023!

Junior Campus Tours:

- Tuesday 9 May 2023
- Saturday 3 June 2023
- Tuesday 20 June 2023



Visit www.cbc.sa.edu.au/tours

Sibling Enrolments



Mary MacKillop College
Kensington

**Year 7 2024 Transition Visits
commence soon.**

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Courage to lead

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Slime Spectacular T-shirts

Now available for purchase



Don't miss out - purchase your shirt today for only \$5 from your friendly Student Leadership Team.

Don't forget to mark Friday 9 June in your diaries for the big event where students and staff will be slimed!

Road safety is everyone's responsibility



School road safety is everyone's responsibility, so let's slow down and keep our students safe.

Parents and caregivers are urged to make sure you park safely and legally when dropping off and collecting your children. Please do not stop or park across residents' driveways.

Motorists should remember to slow down to the 25km/h speed limit between school zone signs when students are present.

For more information, please visit the link below.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Child Safe Environments

Mary MacKillop College Kensington provides a safe environment for all while valuing the partnership between school and home.

Every year, students are taught the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC) which is a respectful relationships and child safety curriculum for children and young people.

[Click here to read the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.](#)

[Click here to find out more about the KS:CPC](#)

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