



MacKillop College

Policy: MacKillop Mission

Introduction

All Christians are baptised into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and the presence of the Holy Spirit, and through this all are called to work for the coming of God's kingdom (Luke 4:16 - 21). The imperative of this kingdom's rule of love, one that Mary MacKillop followed, is that Christians never see a need without doing something about it. Education about and engagement with the work of social justice is an important aspect of the teaching and learning at MacKillop.

Social justice initiatives include raising awareness and taking action both through fund-raising and through active participation in initiatives that contribute to a more just world.

Principles

The key principles of Catholic Social Teaching are:

- *Human Dignity:* All people are created in the image and likeness of God.
- *Community and the Common Good:* 'We are one Body: when one suffers, we all suffer.' - St Paul
- *Rights and Responsibility:* All people have a fundamental right to life, shelter, health care, education and employment. All people have a right to participate in decisions that affect their lives.
- *Preferential Option for the Poor:* The moral test of a society is how it treats its most vulnerable members. We are called to look at decisions in terms of how they affect the poor.
- *Solidarity:* We are one human family. Our responsibilities to each other cross national, racial, economic and ideological differences. We are called to work globally for justice.
- *Stewardship of the Earth's Resources:* The goods of the earth are gifts from God. We are called to care for these as stewards and trustees, not consumers and users.

Objectives

- Students learn about the main themes of Catholic Social Teaching.
- Members of the MacKillop community work in a variety of ways to meet the needs of others.
- All fund-raising within the College is supported by educative strategies that raise awareness of social justice.
- Charities supported by MacKillop are usually local, national and international Catholic charities whose work contributes to a more just world.
- When a charity works in an area in which no Catholic organisation works, MacKillop will give its support if its work contributes to a more just world.

Implementation

i) Principal commitment

The Principal is responsible for ensuring that the objectives of this policy are integrated into practice.

ii) Staff Commitment

- The Deputy Principal - Faith/Staff Welfare, MacKillop Mission Leader, Head of Domain (R.E.), together with the Social Justice Captains coordinate all MacKillop Mission activities
- All staff are responsible for supporting the work of social justice through promotion of initiatives and the delivery of teaching and learning programs.

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Signature

Rory Kennedy
(Principal)

Date: dd/mm/yyyy