

About Us

At MacKillop Family Services, we promote the rights of all children to be free to enjoy their childhood in a safe and loving home, where they are nurtured and have a sense of belonging and cultural identity.

Our strategic goals put families at the heart of our vision, and we are passionate about working with communities so children can thrive. Our work is underpinned by: strong governance; a deep commitment to social justice; to families; to the prevention of harm; and to practice based on research evidence.

We work across New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia.

Our services include:

- Foster care and residential care services for children and young people unable to live at home
- Family support services to build parenting skills and address issues that affect the safety and wellbeing of children
- Disability services for children, young people and their families
- Homelessness services for young people who are homeless or at risk of losing their home
- Education services for children and young people who are disengaged or at risk of disengaging from mainstream education
- Supported release of records to care-leavers and their families.



Foster Care and Residential Care services

A secure, nurturing and caring home environment is essential for children and young people to thrive. When children and young people are unable to live at home, MacKillop operates foster care and residential services to provide children with supportive and safe environments so they can awaken hope in their minds and have a sense of belonging and identity.

We supported over 1000 children and young people in foster care and residential care

Family support services

Every parent wants the best for their child. But some families require additional support with the challenging task of being a parent. Across NSW and Victoria, we offer over 30 family support services, working closely with parents and their children to resolve problems, build on strengths and help maintain safe and loving homes.

We supported over 5500 families with early intervention and parenting support

Disability services

MacKillop supports children and young people living with disability to access programs that encourage independence, promote choice and facilitate community inclusion. Our disability services are offered in Victoria and rural NSW and support children and their families with case management, respite, recreation, in-home accommodation early childhood intervention and therapy support.

We supported **1000** people with disability with case management, recreational and therapeutic support

Education services

We believe children learn best when they feel safe and supported within a nurturing and caring environment that caters to their individual needs. Our education services seek to ensure all young people, regardless of their circumstances, receive every opportunity to advance their learning through early access to tailored education programs.

We supported **380** young people in our schools and education services

Sanctuary Institute Australia

MacKillop operates Sanctuary Institute Australia, the accredited Sanctuary Model training and consultancy service provider in Australia. The Sanctuary Model is a framework for organisations to build safe communities that help people heal from trauma. Visit www.mackillop.org.au/sanctuary to find out more.

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Heritage and Information service

We preserve and protect the records of children who grew up in orphanages run by our founding agencies - the Sisters of Mercy, the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St Joseph - and facilitate access to these by either residents themselves or their families. We help former residents construct their life story, by unlocking the secrets of their past, and support them to reconnect with separated family members.

We supported **760** former residents to access their records

Homelessness services

In NSW, we offer early intervention and specialist homelessness support for young people and their families in crisis. We provide therapeutic, trauma-informed case management, outreach support and accommodation to young people aged 12-15 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

We supported over **300** children and young people experiencing homelessness
