

Safe & supportive homes for children and young people

At MacKillop, we believe every child deserves the best. And the best place for children is in a supportive and nurturing family so they can heal from past trauma and develop to their potential. But it's not just about traditional families, it's not just about blood; it's about love, trust and support in safe environments, so that all children, young people and families can awaken hope in their minds and have a sense of belonging and identity.

To support children unable to live at home, MacKillop Family Services operates foster care and residential care services. We also provide live-in youth mentor services for young people transitioning to independent living, and homelessness services for young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.



Foster Care Services

Foster carers help children and young people who cannot live with their family, many of whom have experienced trauma. Foster carers are trained, assessed and accredited before they start caring for a child or young person. MacKillop supports them in this process and provides ongoing support to foster carers and the children in their care.

Residential Care Services

We provide Residential Care Services in NSW and Victoria for young people unable to live at home, many of whom many have experienced the trauma of child abuse, neglect, or violence. The young people in our Residential Care program live in a home with a team of dedicated carers, who help the young people to make positive lifestyle choices and develop independent living skills.

Live-in Youth Mentors

Volunteer Live-in Youth Mentors live (rent-free) in a MacKillop house with young people aged 16-19 years. The Live-in Youth Mentor homes are an important model of service for young people who have the ability to adapt to more independent living arrangements, but who require support and encouragement to develop the skills to share accommodation and live successfully in community settings.

Homelessness Services

Our NSW services can arrange accommodation for homeless youth as well as provide specialist support services to help young people cope with challenges they are facing. Our Homelessness Youth Assistance Program uses a live-in carer model which focuses on strengthening the young person's relationship with their family and restoring them to their parents' care as long as it is safe to do so.

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