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MARY  
MACKILLOP  
*today*

## Who is Mary MacKillop?

- Mary and Father Julian Tenison Woods started the Sisters of St Joseph
- They opened schools all over Australia so children across the country could receive an education
- Mary faced many challenges throughout her life but always looked after others, especially vulnerable communities



With what little resources they had, Mary and Father Tenison Woods turned an old stable into a school in Penola, South Australia.

In 1866 Mary and Father Tenison worked together to set up the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites). This was the first religious order to be founded by an Australian.

As a passionate educator, Mary broke through the prejudice of the early 19th century to educate all—regardless of gender, race, faith, or wealth—while ministering to the vulnerable with compassion.

She and the Sisters of St Joseph went wherever the need was greatest. They gave up everything to live and teach amongst the people they served.