



MARY MACKILLOP
today

2023-24 YEAR IN REVIEW

As we reflect on the many challenges and achievements of the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering commitment of our supporters.

We have been deeply moved by the spirit of collaboration, dedication, and compassion that has driven our work. This year has been one of strength and growth in our programs and people, as we continue to carry forward the mission of Saint Mary MacKillop: to empower communities and bring about lasting change through learning for life so that all may flourish.

While we have faced financial challenges that the cost-of-living crisis has presented, we have done so with resilience and the changes we have made to the organisation mean we can be confident about our future.

We have launched our Strategic Plan to help us pave the road ahead and we have made great progress with our Impact Strategy, helping us to understand our goals and deepen our impact.

Through your generosity and that of our supporters, and the incredible work of our partners on the ground in Australia and overseas, we have been able to reach thousands of individuals and communities this year, bringing the gift of hope.

We were also incredibly fortunate to receive an extraordinary bequest this year which has enabled us to reach further into marginalised communities that are often overlooked.

As you read through this report, you will come across stories that showcase the tangible difference that you are helping to make in the lives of those who need it most, just as Mary and the Sisters of Saint Joseph envisioned.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our community – our Board, our staff, our donors, our supporters in communities, schools and parishes, and our partners. It is your belief in our mission that fuels our passion and drives us forward.

With your continued support, we will keep striving to create a more just and compassionate world, one where everyone can thrive.

Thank you for being a part of this journey with us.



Jane Woolford
CEO



Kieran Gleeson
Chair

AUSTRALIA

Thanks to your care and compassion, we walk alongside people in Australia who are experiencing hardship by providing educational opportunities and financial support to help them get back on their feet.

Financial Inclusion

We offer access to fair credit through our No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) & NILS4Vehicles loans – to pay for essential things like white goods and household repairs, or a vehicle, which may be the only way people can get to work.

Financial Literacy

Our financial literacy workshops help people experiencing financial hardship to make more informed financial decisions.

Community Grants

Our Community Grants Program provides uplifting opportunities for people at the margins so they can build strong, self-sustaining communities.

First Nations Tertiary Scholarships

Our scholarships provide aspiring students with the financial assistance they need to access higher education, make it to Graduation Day, and build a fulfilling future for themselves and their communities.

Yawardani Jan-ga

Run in partnership with Murdoch University, this Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) program provides a light at the end of the tunnel for young at risk Aboriginal people by providing support for social and emotional wellbeing.

Financial Counselling

Our caring professionals offer free, confidential guidance and advocacy, helping people navigate financial challenges and turn their lives around.

Brenda

85-year-old Brenda approached us after struggling to manage her credit card debt due to the rising cost-of-living. Mary MacKillop Today's Financial Counsellor advocated on Brenda's behalf, successfully getting the debt waived. The credit card account was closed, and Brenda felt a huge relief. She happily declared she was "going home to cut up the card."



Brenda*, Financial Counselling client

*Name and image have been changed to protect privacy



38

students supported with a First Nations Tertiary Scholarship



17

community organisations received a Community Grant



3

new EAL sites have commenced



28%

were people with disabilities



1269

loans provided for essentials valued at \$1,717,486



Average loan was \$1,353



64%

were women



35%

were First Nations Australians

TIMOR-LESTE

Thanks to you, we are supporting communities on their path to building a stronger nation by improving education, health and livelihoods outcomes.

Vanilla 'Beans of Hope' Project[#]



Domingos, vanilla farmer

Supports local vanilla farmers to learn skills, acquire resources, and access credit to build a secure livelihood they can count on for the hope of a bright future.

[#]This project receives support from The Edmund Rice Foundation Australia

Inclusive Early Education Project (formerly Mobile Learning Centre)

Brings the joy of learning to children in remote schools through fun activities and resources.

Volunteer Teacher Support Project

Supports and trains volunteer teachers, so they can create an inspiring learning experience for children.

Teacher Training Project*

Training pre-school and primary school teachers to create a safe, inclusive, and nurturing learning environment for every child.



108

vanilla farmers applied organic farming techniques on their farms



34

small grants awarded to 34 schools for toilet construction and/or water tanks and waste disposal units



167

teachers from 57 schools equipped with knowledge, skills, and resources to deliver quality education



646

parents equipped with the skills and resources to support their children's education at home



65

C.U. BEHAFU members accessed cooperative funds through low interest loans



Teachers Learning Circles were successfully established in

38 schools

C.U. BEHAFU – Women's Livelihoods Project

Provides cooperative members with practical activities and training so they can earn income.

EdTech for Early Learning Project

Pilot project aimed at improving early childhood education through an interactive app for preschool teachers. Delivered in the local language, Tetun, the EdTech for Early Learning app uses animations and stories from Timorese culture.

Health Literacy Project*

Helps train teachers to deliver quality health education in schools.

Parents Training Project

For parents, grandparents, and carers who may never have had the chance to complete their own education, the project equips them to support their children's learning at home.



Arlinda practising her writing skills

Arlinda

"I am happy to learn from the teachers. I first learned my name and then I learned the ABC and 123. I am happy that we can help our children at home. My grandchild was very happy and said, "Mama is now in school again, we are studying together!"

FIJI

Thanks to wonderful supporters like you, we provide skills and opportunities to young women and people with a disability.

Pathway to Economic Independence Project

Run in partnership with the Psychiatric Survivors Association (PSA), this project helps people with disabilities gain financial independence through business training and financial literacy workshops.

Women's Leadership: Project Talitha*

In partnership with Ola Fou Fiji, young women receive training to increase their confidence, challenge traditional norms surrounding women, and achieve financial security.



120

people received mental health and psychosocial support through PSA



21

PSA participants successfully established small-scale businesses



48

women attended the Business Basics & Bookkeeping Training with Project Talitha

Ranadi

"Now, I have the confidence to speak up. I dream of returning to university, finding a job, and one day running my own business to support my son."



Ranadi, a Project Talitha participant

PERU

Through your wonderful generosity, we are improving access to education and employment opportunities, especially in rural areas.

Student Leadership & Citizenship Training Project

In partnership with Fe y Alegría, this project is helping to improve the social and political skills of students, teachers, and school administrators through collaborative learning and community action.

Youth Entrepreneurship in Rural Peru*

In partnership with CEOP Ilo, students are improving their lives through entrepreneurship skills.



57

women participated in Leadership and Political Management training programs



225

students across 7 schools completed the Entrepreneurship training program

Enhancing Women's Civil Participation in rural Peru Project*

In partnership with CCAIJO, the project provides training and support to incredible women seeking to grow in leadership and political participation.

Edilberta

"There are still many women like me who did not finish school. I would like to learn how to help them. We still have a long way to go, but we are on the way to continue to strengthen ourselves as a women's organisation."

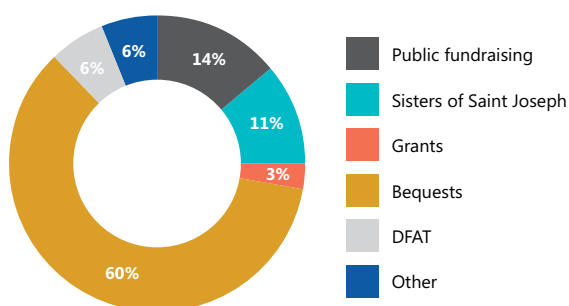


Edilberta, Women's Empowerment Project participant

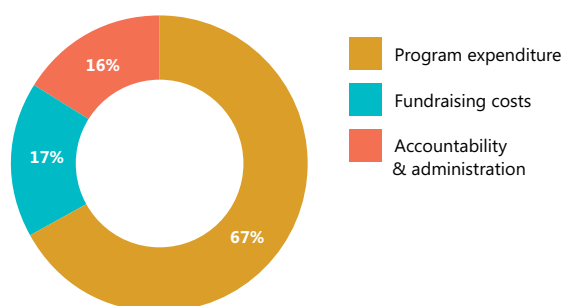
FINANCIALS

In the 2023-24 fiscal year, Mary MacKillop Today reported a total revenue of \$18,188,589*. We allocated \$8,204,639 to funding and support for domestic, international, and community development programs dedicated to transforming the lives of people living on the margins of society.

Revenue Sources to 30 June 2024:



Expenses to 30 June 2024:



*An extraordinary legacy gift of \$10 million was donated to Mary MacKillop Today by one of our wonderful supporters. This gift will enable us to maintain the sustainability of several core programs and to plan the careful development of new programs and initiatives in future years.

Our overall financial position as at 30 June 2024

Total current assets	16,445,578
Total non-current assets	5,896,222
Total assets	22,341,800
Total current liabilities	511,532
Total non-current liabilities	67,803
Total liabilities	579,335
Net assets	21,762,465
Total equity	21,762,465

Our sources of funds and expenditure as at 30 June 2024

Fundraising revenue	13,434,428
Government and other grants	1,773,587
Sisters of Saint Joseph and other revenue	1,980,245
Investments, interest and other revenue	1,000,329
Total revenue	18,188,589
Deduct expenditure	
International Programs	4,241,729
Domestic Programs	1,299,516
Fundraising	1,376,293
Administration costs & accountability	1,287,101
Total expenditure	8,204,639
Net income/deficit	9,983,950



Read the full report at:
marymackilloptoday.org.au/our-reports

YOUR IMPACT

Together, we are bringing the transformative power of education to those in need.



11,697
direct participants in
development programs



62,938
indirect participants in
development programs



21
partners



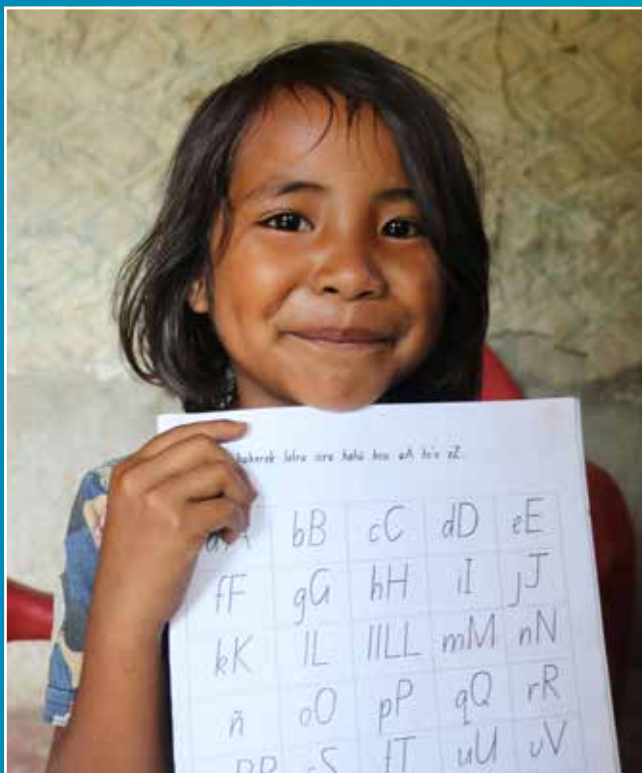
62%
female
participants



32%
children/youth
participants



1,254
participants
with a disability



HOW YOU CAN CONTINUE SAINT MARY'S LEGACY

Thank you for partnering with Mary MacKillop Today in our mission to transform lives through education and practical life skills. You have such a compassionate, giving heart. Your generosity is truly the backbone of our work 'on the ground' with incredibly inspiring communities.

You can create life-changing opportunities by:

- Becoming an 'Independent Spirit': join our family of monthly supporters, helping to create a better world.
- Making a Donation: your generous donations help those in need access education and practical training to lift themselves out of poverty so they can thrive.
- Leaving a Bequest: consider leaving a gift to Mary MacKillop Today in your Will, to create lasting change for generations to come.

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