

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person

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## Mackillop, Mary Helen

(1842 - 1909)

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**Born** 15 January, 1842, Fitzroy Victoria Australia

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**Died** 8 August, 1909, Sydney New South Wales Australia

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**Occupation** Religious Sister

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### Summary

Mary Mackillop was appointed head of the Penola Catholic School in 1866. In March of that year she was formally committed into the Institute of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. In 1871, almost half the members of the Institute were dismissed by Bishop Sheil, and Mackillop was excommunicated for alleged insubordination. The excommunication was lifted as early as February 1872, when she was reinstated as superior of the Institute. She was elected superior general under the new Roman Constitutions in 1875. Mackillop founded a teacher training centre for the Institute in Sydney in 1888, enabling it to become a leader in Catholic education.

### Events

#### 2001 - 2001

Inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women

## Published resources

### Resource Section

MacKillop, Mary Helen (1842-1919), Thorpe, Osmund, 2006,  
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A050199b.htm>

### Audiovisual material

Mary MacKillop 1842-1909 [slide], Sue Fabian and Morag Loh, 198-

### Book

Mary MacKillop: A Woman Before Her Time, Modystack, William, 1982

Mary MacKillop: An Extraordinary Australian, The Authorised Biography, Gardiner, Paul, 1993

Mary and Flora: Correspondence between Mary MacKillop and her mother, Flora McDonald MacKillop, MacKillop, Mary, 2004

Mary MacKillop's Sisters: A Life Unveiled, Henderson, Anne, 1997

### Edited Book

200 Australian Women: A Redress Anthology, Radi, Heather, 1988

### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Site Exhibition

The Encyclopedia of Women and Leadership in Twentieth-Century Australia, Smart, Judith and Swain, Shurlee (eds.), 2014,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/leaders>

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