

Mary MacKillop Place Museum

2007 STUDENTS' POETRY AWARD



When Mary MacKillop became a Sister of St Joseph, she chose the 'religious' name of Sister Mary of the Cross. The Cross is an important Christian symbol that reminds us of Jesus & his love for all humanity. Even though Jesus suffered on a cross, he came to new life through it. Mary went through life with its challenge, with her faith and Jesus to guide her.

Mary MacKillop Place Museum invites students aged 10 to 17 throughout Australia to participate in a Poetry Award that celebrates 'Mary of the Cross' & the arrival of the World Youth Day Cross in July. This is a time to reflect on the true meaning of the Cross in the life of Mary MacKillop & our own lives.

ENTRY DETAILS

Focus: To create a piece of original poetry that reflects the meaning of the Cross in the life of Mary MacKillop and our own lives.

Divisions: All students from ages 10 to 17 are eligible to enter.
There are 4 age divisions: 10/11, 12/13, 14/15, 16/17 years.

Medium: Poems are to be presented on paper (handwritten or typed) or emailed as text only in a Microsoft Word document or Rich Text format.

Size: A4 or A3 size

Label: All poems need to include student's name, age, school/college, suburb, state and title of poem.

Prizes: 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes will be awarded in each age division. Each prize will include a book voucher and special certificate.

Exhibition: Selected poems will be included in the exhibition 'Mary – Portraits & Poems' showing at Mary MacKillop Place Museum, North Sydney from 10th December 2007 to 31st January 2008.

Dates: Closing Date: **Poems are to be mailed or emailed to the contact below & received by 4.00pm Friday 22 June 2007.**

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Conditions: Poems submitted will not be returned. All poems submitted become the exclusive & absolute property of Mary MacKillop Place Museum & may be displayed, loaned, reproduced, retained or disposed of in the best interests of the Museum.