Mary MacKillop sites close by

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**Adelaide**

**Melbourne**

**South Australia**

**Victoria**

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**Robe**

In 1869 a St Joseph’s school was opened in Robe at the back of ‘Star of the Sea’, the Catholic church near the boat haven, that was commissioned by Father Julian Tenison Woods in 1858.

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**Penola**

In 1866 Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods established the first St Joseph’s school in a renovated stable in Queen Street. Mary later moved into the Woods MacKillop Schoolhouse.

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**Coleraine**

The Josephites opened the school at Coleraine in January 1924.

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**Dunkeld**

In the 1860s Mary’s father stayed with his brother, Peter MacKillop, at the Plains Station, Dunkeld.

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**Mount Gambier**

At Mount Gambier a St Joseph’s school was conducted in the rear of St Theresa’s Catholic church in 1866-67.

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**Portland**

In 1863 Mary taught at the Common School 610. She also opened ‘The Bay View House Seminary for Young Ladies’.

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In 1860, when Mary was 18, she left her Melbourne home to become governess to her Aunt Margaret and Uncle Alexander Cameron’s children at Penola Station. She soon met Father Julian Tenison Woods, Penola’s parish priest and a noted scientist. They shared a dream of providing a free Catholic education for the district’s poor and isolated children.

However, for family reasons Mary moved to Portland in 1862, working there as governess and school teacher. In 1866 she returned to Penola, where she and Father Woods co-founded the Australian order of the Sisters of St Joseph who, regardless of colonial boundaries, moved wherever they were needed, opening schools and ministering to the poor in Australia and New Zealand.

If you are interested in the story of Mary MacKillop, please visit the Mary MacKillop Penola Centre, which is open 7 days a week and includes the restored Woods MacKillop Schoolhouse, featuring a re-created schoolroom and the Sisters’ living quarters. There is also the Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre, which contains major exhibitions on the lives and work of both MacKillop and Woods. The shop carries a range of books and mementos. St Joseph’s Church is open for prayer and reflection. Enter the Mary MacKillop shrine through the church to see the beautiful stained glass window of Mary.