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Guess who turned 21 in 2015?

At 2.00pm Friday 6 February 2015 MacKillop Foundation staff (1994), founding scholars together with the 2015 Student Leadership Team and current MacKillop Board members will re-enact the tree planting undertaken on the first day of the College in February 1994.

This will be the first of a number of events to be held during 2015 to celebrate MacKillop Catholic Colleges’ 21st birthday.

Planning is well underway for major celebrations focused around the Mary MacKillop Feast Day in early August 2015. These celebrations include a cocktail party within the new Kirby building, a dinner at the new Century Room at the redeveloped Blundstone Arena and a family day at MacKillop Catholic College.

Stories from the past: first day at MacKillop – 9 February 1994

The first day….

“There was a quiver of newness in the air – new uniforms, new shoes and haircuts, new friends, new teachers – a whole new school, full of hope and promise.

New teachers, fourteen different subjects, locker combinations, room changes, timetables and school rules were just some of the challenges that awaited the Year 7s on the first day. As they filed into their respective Home Rooms and a sea of unfamiliar faces, many no doubt were overcome by states of nervousness and uncertainty.

There were faces showing excitement and faces showing tension but we were all there on that first day in 1994 with expectation that we were going to be part of a great new school. We listened to words of welcome. We planted trees and had our photo taken. There seemed to be a special significance to everything we did. We were making history at MacKillop College, which was very exciting but also brought with it a great sense of responsibility. We now have this responsibility to one another, a
responsibility to our school community to do our best and work together so that we could share a school pride, a sense of belonging and gratitude for this opportunity.

By the conclusion of the day, however, smiles had replaced worried expressions as the students renewed friendships or established the foundations of new ones and had started to gain an appreciation of secondary life. They had survived day one at MacKillop College."

Reflections of the first day by Mrs Lyn Gregg (Art teacher).

Thus it was that on February 9, 1994 fifty-nine Year 7 students and their parents gathered for the first assembly and tree planting at MacKillop College. In 2015 there are now 560 students (including 145 Year 7s) and the original Mornington Primary School building, the first MacKillop classrooms on campus, has undergone major extensions and renovations ready for the 21st birthday celebrations.

Do you have a story, yarn or magic moment from MacKillop’s past that you would like to share? Please email Roger Toombs: rtoombs@mackillop.tas.edu.au.

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MacKillop students, 1994
MacKillop students, 1994
MacKillop student and family, 1994
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Old Scholars
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