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Celebrating Every Journey – World Care Day 2025

On 21 February, MacKillop Family Services will join the global celebration of [World Care Day](#), the biggest awareness event recognising the experiences and achievements of children and young people who have grown up in foster or residential care.

Children in care have experienced instability and adversity. Despite these challenges, they continue to strive towards their goals, focus on education, build connections, and dream of a bright future. Their journeys are a testament to their resilience, strength, and determination – and to the incredible support they receive from foster carers, teachers, case managers, youth workers, and the wider community.

This year's theme, 'Celebrating Every Journey,' highlights the unique experiences of children in care and the role of safe, trusted adults in their lives. Through [storytelling and art](#), young people in care at MacKillop Family Services are sharing their personal journeys, showcasing their talents, and giving the community an insight into their lived experiences.



"I painted my foster family at the beach. In the picture is me and my three sisters, and my foster sister and carer. This is my first summer being a good swimmer at the beach and it is a very happy memory. We have been going to the beach a lot. It brings me joy and I felt happy painting it."

Child aged 7

MacKillop foster carer, Michael, knows that the right support enables children to thrive as he spent time as a ward of the state when he was younger.

"We need to help kids in care understand that they are strong, and they can be who they want to be. As a community we must make it easier for them to succeed and ensure that they are not struggling on their own. Being in care doesn't define who you are."

Dr Robyn Miller AM, MacKillop's CEO, says some of the most impressive and resilient people she has met in more than 30 years working in Child Protection, have been young people who have spent time in care.

"I've known kids who continue to focus on their studies, get part-time jobs, pursue passions, and stay connected with family and community, all while navigating the uncertainty of being in care."

“We have amazing foster carers who support children and young people, because they know what a positive difference a safe and nurturing home makes, and they’re passionate about providing that stability to children so they can be their best selves.”

Robyn adds, “World Care Day highlights the achievements of young people in care and makes us think about the practical ways we can support them. Knowing they are loved, safe and secure and that they have the same opportunities as anyone else is the very least that every single child deserves.”

Inspiring [images and stories](#) created for World Care Day celebrate the achievements of children in care with MacKillop, and acknowledge those who support them. They pay tribute to the teachers, friends, carers, and advocates who make a huge difference to a young person in care’s life.

Be Part of the Change

MacKillop is committed to supporting children and young people who are unable to live at home, as well as the foster carers who provide them with stability and care. By taking part in World Care Day, you can help raise awareness, share messages of encouragement, and be part of a community that champions every child’s journey.

If you are considering ways to support children and young people in care or would like more information on becoming a foster carer, you can find more information on the MacKillop Family Services [website](#) or follow MacKillop Family Services on social media for stories, updates, and ways to get involved.

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World Care Day (21 February 2025) is a worldwide day to celebrate the successes and achievements of children and young people who grow up in care.

MacKillop Family Services is observing the day by encouraging Australians to promote conversations about young people defying the odds and succeeding in their own right. MacKillop Family Services is ‘Celebrating Every Journey’ of the young people in their care, showing their stories, experiences, hopes and dreams expressed through their works of art.

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