



## Mackillop College's ANZAC 100 Years Commemoration Garden

To mark the 100-year anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli in 2015, the MacKillop College community wanted to reflect and remember those service men and women who went to war and the sacrifice they made for us to live in the freedom of our great nation.

A number of years ago MacKillop College was given a small gift of a tree, a descendant of the **Lone Pine** found at Gallipoli. This tree was nurtured and cared for over the years and finally planted with in the College surrounds. It has now grown and established into a beautiful tree on our school grounds and is the focal point of a new commemorative garden.

Mr Steve Curry (College groundsman) and Mr Robert Kreuzberger (TAS / PDHPE Coordinator) have developed a landscaped area and garden incorporating this Lone Pine, where the College community can gather every year to reflect, respect and give thanks for the freedom we all enjoy today across our nation.

The commemorative garden consists of 102 Gallipoli Rosemary plants. The ancient Greeks believed that rosemary made their memories stronger and this idea continues today as members of the College will wear sprigs of rosemary to remember those who have died in all theatres of war. Each of the rosemary plants have been sponsored by families, staff, students, roll groups and friends of the College. They have been planted out in two rows and will be hedged over the coming years as the garden develops and matures. The landscape materials have been kindly donated by the MacKillop College's Parents and Friends committee and Australian Native Landscapes. Without these sponsored plants and donations our commemorative garden would not have been possible. We thank all those who have been involved. Our College members are now able to reflect in this special garden and give thanks to those who were involved in the war and all the sacrifices they have made, which helped define World War I and shape early Australia.

This commemorative garden was designed to show, that we as young Australians, have not forgotten the 102 826 Australian service men and women who have given their lives in wars and conflicts during the past 101 years. From the towering cliffs of Gallipoli and the trenches of the Western Front to the valleys of Afghanistan we at Mackillop College commemorate the bravery, courage, mateship and sacrifice of both the past and present members of the Australian Defence Force.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

Lest we forget.