



Mercy Ministry  
Companions

# Connections

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## Is there a Difference between Catholic boards and Not for Profit (NFP) boards?

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In governance literature, the Boards of Catholic ministries or organisations (here referred to as Catholic boards) are often categorised as a type of Not-For-Profit (NFP) board, with the distinction drawn between NFP boards and 'for profit' boards. While in general terms the responsibilities of all boards are similar, there are some important differences.

In Australia, the role of all types of boards has been defined by the Australian Institute of Company Directors as being *responsible for the overall governance, management, and strategic direction of the organisation and for delivering accountable corporate performance in accordance with the organisation's goals and objectives.*

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## Mercy Ministry Companions (MMC)



### **A Pilgrimage of Mercy**

This month we welcome back the 24 pilgrims from Australia and New Zealand who participated in Module 2 of the Mercy Leadership Program and Dublin Pilgrimage, from 28 April to 4 May 2024.

The group began their program in March in Melbourne and will meet again in late July, for the third and final module of the leadership program.

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### **Trustee Directors visit Our Lady of Mercy College, Heidelberg**

In May, Mercy Ministry Companions Trustee Directors and staff enjoyed a visit to Our Lady of Mercy College in Heidelberg. From the moment the group set foot in the door, they were welcomed with true Mercy hospitality.

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### **Joint Formation Session with Mercy Education Board**

In May, MMC Trustee Directors met with the board and Executive of Mercy Education Ltd for a joint formation session. Participants enjoyed a presentation from Agnes Sheehan, CEO CatholicCare Victoria. Agnes explored with the group '*Ministry at the margins*'.

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## Mercy Education



### **Sacred Heart Geelong celebrates Foundation Day**

On Sunday 21 April Sacred Heart College Geelong held its Foundation Day, a very special annual celebration honouring the College's Mercy connection, by acknowledging the past and embracing the future.

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### **St Aloysius a hub for digital literacy**

On Wednesday 3 April, St Aloysius College in Adelaide proudly welcomed visitors to the opening of its Tech Studio. The space, equipped with everything from robotics, to 3D printers, to a podcasting studio and video production technology, nurtures the skills leaders need to address the complex problems facing our global community.

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## Mercy Health

### **A month of celebrations at Mercy Health**

Throughout May Mercy Health have celebrated the dedication and compassion of its staff.



### Happy International Day of the Midwife 2024

On 5 May, staff at Werribee Mercy Hospital and Mercy Hospital for Women, recognised the dedicated team of midwives who welcome over 8,500 babies into the world each year.



### Happy International Nurses Day 2024

On 12 May, the birthday of Florence Nightingale the founder of modern nursing, Mercy Health recognised the outstanding work of its nursing staff.

### Mother's Day High Tea for NICU

On Friday 10 May, Mercy Health Foundation held a Mother's Day High Tea. Funds raised will support the Mercy Hospital for Women Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) as it continues to deliver life-saving treatment to sick and premature babies.

[View the photo gallery](#)

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### Mercy Community Services



### MacKillop supports school success

MacKillop Family Services recently held their Paws Pals Appeal, a program that helps children succeed at school with the support of therapy dogs. In the lead up to the campaign, the wonderful work of the **MacKillop Education** team (which includes the Paw Pals program) featured on Four Corners.

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Watch the Four Corners story on "the growing crisis of school refusal in Australia" and some of the innovative approaches being used to address the issue. The MacKillop Education Geelong campus features prominently in this story.

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### Save the date

**5pm, Monday 14 October -  
5pm, Tuesday 15 October 2024**

**2024 Mercy Ministry Companions  
Conference**

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*Ministries operate across the country and across a range of other indigenous lands and clans.*

*We acknowledge the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples across this land.*

*We respectfully recognise Elders both past and present.*

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