

# ACADEMY OF MARY IMMACULATE

RENAMING OF BUILDINGS 2013

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**URSULA FRAYNE MEMORIAL CHAPEL**

**Mother Ursula Frayne rsm**  
1816-1885. Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy in Australia and of the Academy of Mary Immaculate. A woman of faith and courage.

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**FLYNN ADMINISTRATION CENTRE**

**Catherine Mary Flynn 1841-1914.**  
Catherine was the first student enrolled at the Academy. She was one of six girls in the inaugural year of 1857.

Formerly: COLLEGE RECEPTION

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**McAULEY RESOURCE CENTRE**

**Mother Catherine McAuley rsm**  
1778-1841. Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, Dublin 1831.  
"Our centre is God from whom all our actions should spring"

Formerly: THE LIBRARY

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**WHYTE BUILDING**

**Mother Sebastian Whyte rsm**  
1855-1913. Principal of the Academy & successor to Mother Ursula Frayne. Mother Sebastian oversaw the completion of the Ursula Frayne Memorial Chapel.

Formerly: P BUILDING

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**DILLON BUILDING**

**Mother Anne Xavier Dillon rsm**  
1818-1890. Companion to Mother Ursula Frayne.  
Founding Sister of the Academy of Mary Immaculate

Formerly: C BUILDING

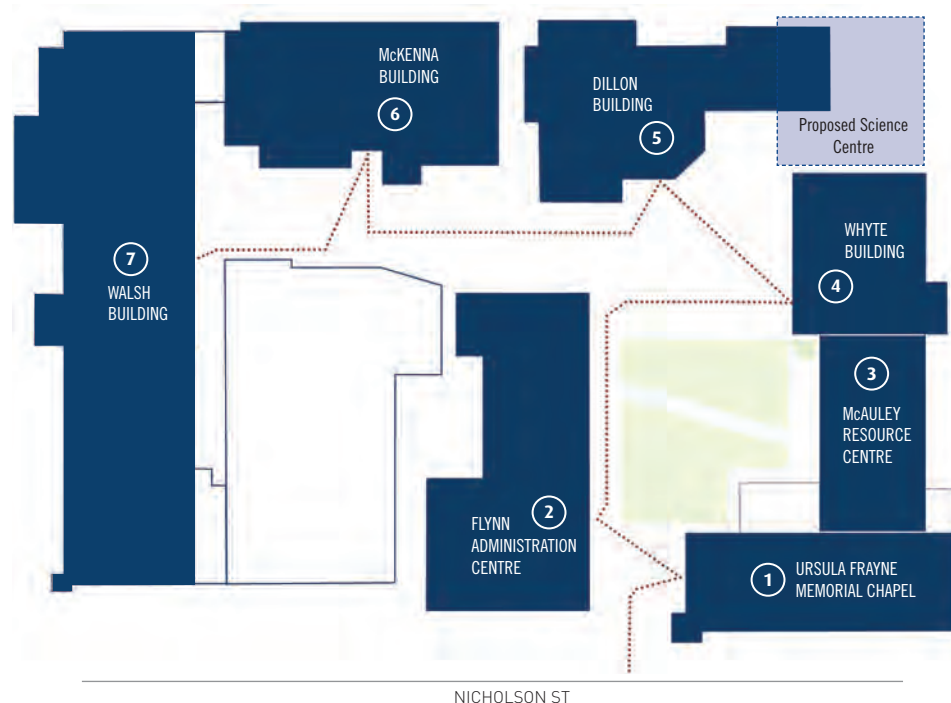
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**McKENNA BUILDING**

**Sr Margaret McKenna rsm**  
1928-2012. A loved member of the Academy community and a friend to those in need. Sister Margaret exemplified Mercy in Action.

Formerly: E BUILDING



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**WALSH BUILDING**

**Sr Perpetua Walsh rsm**  
1890-1972. Principal of the Academy and a gifted teacher, Sr Perpetua was a passionate advocate of higher learning for young women.

Formerly: N BUILDING

*Mother Catherine McAuley . Mother Ursula Frayne*

*Mother Anne Xavier Dillon*

A COURAGEOUS VOYAGER

Although suffering from delicate health throughout her life Mother Anne Xavier Dillon accompanied Mother Ursula Frayne and Mother Joseph Sherlock on the long sea journey from Ireland to Australia. She was a life-long friend of Mother Ursula Frayne and supported her both in Perth and Melbourne.

*Mother Sebastian Whyte*

VOYAGER, PROPERTY DEVELOPER, PRINCIPAL, TEACHER

A woman with great leadership qualities, Mother Sebastian Whyte became Mistress of Novices at Fitzroy at 25. She was appointed Principal at the Academy between 1885-1890 and again in 1894-1899 and was twice elected as Superior. During her first term as Superior she undertook the building of the Chapel and during her second term she bought a property in Mornington as a holiday house for the Sisters and to set up a school. Mother Sebastian also purchased the property 'Verdun' to establish a boys' boarding school.

*Sr Margaret McKenna*

MERCY

Sr. Margaret spent her life as a Sister of Mercy in Primary Education as teacher and principal. She actively supported students in need during their transition from primary to secondary school. Sr Margaret's important outreach work is her legacy to us.

*Sr Perpetua Walsh*

VOYAGER, ACADEMIC TRAILBLAZER

Sr Perpetua Walsh volunteered to come to Australia with twenty other young women - sailing from Ireland and arriving in Melbourne on the eve of Mercy Day 1912. Soon after her Profession, Sr Perpetua commenced studies at Melbourne University and was one of the first women graduates in Science. She placed great importance on education, and was a gifted and inspiring teacher as her students obtained excellent results in Public Examinations. Sr Perpetua was Principal of the Academy between 1947-1955, 1957 and returned in 1961-1965.

*Catherine Flynn*

POLITICIANS WIFE AND A RURAL LIFE

The first entry in our College Register reads: 'Miss Flynn aged 14 of 63 William Street'. Her father found success on the goldfields and was able to ensure that his daughter received the best education available. 'Kate' married Thomas Hunt, a journalist and newspaper proprietor from Kilmore. 'Tom' also represented the district in the Victorian Parliament for over thirty years whilst Kate managed their farm. In 1908, the newly-formed Past Students' Association placed an entry in its pages of the *Academian* congratulating the couple on Tom's appointment as 'Minister of Lands' in the new Cabinet. The couple had no children.