



Sisters of Mercy - Sunraysia

MILDURA

As early as 1905, Sisters of Mercy came from Wentworth to give help, support and education to the pioneering families of Mildura and district. In 1906, they established their first primary school, began teaching secondary students and by 1911 were providing accommodation for boarders.

Many developments, including the establishment of St. Joseph's College, (1906) Sacred Heart Primary School (1906) and St. Paul's Primary School (1975) have taken place since. Primary schools have also been conducted by the Sisters of Mercy in Merbein (1928) and Red Cliffs(1933).

It was not until 1939 that the sisters, after years of toil and privations, gained the reward of the large and handsome convent building in Twelfth Street. When times were difficult, many benefactors came to the aid of the Sisters, and this remains true to this day.

In 2002, St Joseph's College, refurbished the Convent for use by the College to accommodate Home Economics, Textiles, Special Education and LOTE (Languages other than English) and extra classrooms and offices.

The Sisters moved to units at 177 Twelfth Street.

Sisters live at the following addresses:

177 Twelfth Street phone 5023 1841 fax 5021 3091

20 Box Street, Merbein phone 5025 2716 fax 5025 1249

The Sisters serve the community today through various ministries including:-

- Secondary education
- Visitation of families
- Pastoral care in the hospitals
- Visitation of the sick and elderly and bereaved

Catherine McAuley (1778-1841)
Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy

