

The Australian Presentation

(in connection with pictures)

Australia - a land of contrasts

Issues confronting Australians:

- There are over 100,000 homeless in Australia.
- drugs
- depression and suicide
- body image
- materialism

Australian reconciliation and justice:

- Walk for reconciliation
- refugees
- schools working together to make a difference (Mandeville/Ballarat staff assembly)
- Ballarat: to be voices that challenge
- charity fundraising
- South Australia: passion for action

How contemporary with us was her foresight in championing women's role in spreading God's compassion; how many today struggle as she did for the triumph of truth and justice.

In today's materialistic world it is very important to help children understand that happiness is not dependent on things.

We try to help students find peace with themselves; comfortable that they are doing their best with the hand that life has dealt them.

We hope to lead students to be happy and secure in their relationships with those closest to them, particularly with God.

Mary Ward's core values - justice, freedom, sincerity, truth and joy - are the foundation of the spirituality of the school community.

We hope that students are growing and improving and always trying to learn a bit more and give a bit more.