

MARY MacKillop's early work to feature in ABC programme:

The ABC's weekly all-Australian programme TRAVEL OZ will feature Mary MacKillop's early work in its episode scheduled for screening on ABC1 at 6pm on Monday October 11.

The programme shows Mary's work at Penola South Australia where she began and taught in her first school, the sisters of Saint Joseph.

The Woods MacKillop Schoolhouse still stands proudly in Penola, more than 140 years since Mary MacKillop founded the uniquely Australian Sisters of St Joseph, along with Julian Woods, a priest and brilliant scientist.

By all accounts, she was an outstanding young teacher, who provided a free Catholic education, initially for the isolated bush children of Penola.

Travel Oz producer Greg Grainger visits the Penola centre she founded, with historian Margaret Muller.

At the Mary Mackillop interpretive Centre, there are ample reminders of Mary's early work in Penola, including a replica of the bark hut she first began teaching in.

On the outskirts of Penola, there's a series of wooden statues dedicated to Mary Mackillop, a memorial on the property of local farmer Michael Gartner.

The feature concludes with a vocal tribute to Mary Mackillop,

TRAVEL OZ: ABC1 6pm Monday October 11.