



CATEGORY

AUSTRALIAN STONE

- SCULPTURE / PUBLIC ART -

PROJECT:

Multi-sports complex at Mazenod College, Mulgrave, Victoria

ARCHITECT:

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STONE SUPPLY:

Victorian Bluestone Quarries

## Reflections of a life

**M**azenod College is a Catholic secondary school for boys with over 1200 students in Mulgrave, Melbourne. Significant building works were completed in 2007. More recently, the Year 12 complex was refurbished.

The school's multi-sports complex features a quantity of honed bluestone tiles which feature etched and sandblasted images depicting the life of Saint Eugène de Mazenod, who was canonised on 3 December 1995 by Pope John Paul II.

Mazenod was baptised Charles-Joseph-Eugène de Mazenod on 2 August 1782 in Aix-en-Provence, France. His family fled to Italy to escape French revolutionary forces. After studying theology in Venice, the family was again forced to flee. Mazenod eventually became a member of the Duke and Duchess of Cannizaro's household and returned to France with high aspirations.

During the adoration of the cross on Good Friday in 1807, Eugène had a spiritual experience. His later care for the poor, impoverished youth and prisoners of war distinguished his life. He was ordained a priest in 1811 and later served as Bishop of Marseille. His patronage was 'dysfunctional families.' The images of his life etched in bluestone were created by Orchard Designs. ©