Our Lady of the Southern Cross College, Dalby

A Catholic co-educational school of the Diocese of Toowoomba

“Journey in Faith and Knowledge”

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Our Mission

The Our Lady of the Southern Cross College’s Education Board endorses an education ministry, which endeavours to:

- promote Christian faith development and spiritual fulfilment of all in our community;
- promote education based on Gospel values where learning is open to all;
- establish an ethos of teaching/learning excellence where all participants involved strive to develop the individual’s spiritual, academic, physical, emotional and social potential;
- support and nurture all individuals, within a Catholic environment, throughout life’s experiences; and
- involve (where possible) all members of the parish and wider community, including those who would otherwise be neglected.

Our College is an integral part of the Dalby parish community of faith. We therefore accept this mission by:

- striving to develop a strong Catholic identity;
- providing an appropriate environment wherein Gospel values are espoused and lived;
- encouraging students to grow to full spiritual and academic potential;
• providing appropriate opportunity for parents to become involved in school and policy management;
• undertaking to challenge and awaken individual values and life skills in harmony with the Gospel message which should permeate all curriculum components;
• working towards the goal of self-discipline with a caring and positive attitude;
• engendering a sense of respect and consideration for others;
• fostering unity within the school parish and town community with a policy of tolerance and goodwill; and
• making Christ present in daily routine through example in word and in action.

This is fostered in the College by:
• daily Religious Education lessons in the content areas of scripture, celebration and prayer, beliefs and morality;
• regular participation in Eucharist, Reconciliation and other liturgical and prayer celebrations by students, teachers, parents and the wider community;
• integration of Religious Education outcomes throughout the school curriculum;
• involvement in Parish initiatives such as the Parish sacramental program, joining residents of one of our aged care facilities for mass, etc; and
• parent involvement in the College, Parents and Friends and Education Board.

About our College

Our Lady of the Southern Cross College resulted in 2008 from the unification of St Columba’s School established by the Sisters of Mercy in 1877 and St Mary’s College conducted by the Christian Brothers from 1963. The College draws upon the heritage of the Sisters of Mercy and the ethos and charism of their founder, Catherine McAuley. Similarly, the College also draws upon the heritage of the Christian Brothers and the ethos and charism of their founder, Blessed Edmund Rice.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross College offers each student a nurturing, supportive learning environment based on Christ values; a broad curriculum which caters for a diversity of student abilities, interests and needs; and a College culture which promotes the pursuit of personal excellence. In addition to a very strong academic program, Our Lady of the Southern Cross College provides increasing opportunities for students to pursue vocational education and training. The College conducts an extensive range of co-curricula activities for both female and male students. Interschool and intraschool sport, together with QSPSA and QSSSSA membership, gives students the opportunity to develop skills and pursue their aspirations for representative sporting honours.

The College’s presentation of a biennial musical where students from Years 6 to 12 audition for roles, a Theatre Restaurant or Variety Concert production in the alternate year, as well as performances in the Dalby and Toowoomba Eisteddfods and public performances under the auspices of the Dalby Arts Council, showcase the vibrancy of the College’s performing arts program. The College Instrumental Music program is currently being re-developed.

The College’s Visual Art students participate in a wide range of exhibitions and competitions and our Performing Arts program is well recognised and supported.
Distinctive Curriculum Offerings

Preparatory
The Early Years Curriculum in Preparatory is centred on the following areas:

- Early Religious Understanding
- Health and Physical Learning
- Imagining and Responding
- Investigating Technology
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social and Personal Learning
- Investigating Environments
- English

Years 1 – 9
The College implemented the Australian Curriculum in English, Mathematics and Science from the beginning of the 2012 academic year. In 2013 History and Geography were added. The College implemented the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) QCAR syllabi in all other key learning areas along with the Diocesan approved Religious Education program. Primary Science Connections is implemented from Prep to Year 6 and Science by Doing continues this enquiry based approach from Year 7 to Year 10.

Year 10
The College implements the Australian Curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography and QSA Year 10 Guidelines for all other key learning areas. This provides a course of study which is foundational to Senior Secondary (Years 11 and 12) studies.

Years 11 and 12
Our Lady of the Southern Cross College offers the following Queensland Studies Authority Senior Secondary subjects:

- Study of Religion
- English
- Mathematics A
- Mathematics B
- Mathematics C
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Ancient History
- Modern History
- Geography
- Accounting
- Economics
- Film, Television and Media Studies
- Information Processing and Technology
- Legal Studies
- Economics
- Graphics
- Technology Studies
- Engineering Technology
- Visual Arts
- Drama
- Music
- Music Extension
- Home Economics
- Japanese
- Physical Education

And the following QSA Registered subjects:

- Religion and Ethics
- English Communication
Our Lady of the Southern Cross College offers an instrumental music program for students in Years 4 to 12. A Junior Choir, a Senior Primary and a Senior School Choir rehearsed weekly in 2013 and performed at College and community events. All classes in the Junior School perform at the Dalby Eisteddfod, in either choral singing or drama sections.

Curricular Music classes were provided in 2013 by our highly competent music specialists throughout the Junior School for 45 minutes per class each week. In Year 8 students study Music for three 45 minute lessons per week for a term. Music is an elective subject with four 45 minute lessons per week from Year 9.

Students in Years 6 and 7 have one 45 minute Japanese Language lesson per week with a specialist Japanese Language teacher. In Year 8 students have three 45 minute lessons of Japanese per week. Japanese is elective with four lessons per week from Year 9.

Students in Years 6 and 7 have a 90 minute Home Economics or Industrial Technology and Design lesson each fortnight.

All students in the Junior School have 90 minutes of Physical Education under the instruction of a specialist PE teacher. This is supplemented by a further 60 minutes of physical activity and personal development conducted by the class teacher. Students in Years 8 and 9 have four 45 minute periods of Health and Physical Education per week. Physical Education is an elective subject from Year 10.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross College has embraced the philosophy and practices of Middle Schooling. Consequently, while curriculum is developed in a P to 12 framework, particular effort has been made to align curriculum in Years 6 to 9. The College has developed connected curriculum in Years 8 and 9. Clusters of teachers take classes across a range of key learning areas and collaboratively plan to identify appropriate curriculum connection and integration. A conscientious effort is made to maximise consistent teacher contact with Year 8 and 9 classes. For example, most Year 8 students have fewer than 4 different teachers.

**Use of Computers**

**Use of Computers to Assist Learning:**
Students at Our Lady of the Southern Cross College are encouraged to use a variety of ways to learn and to increase their understanding of the topics they study. In an information-rich society we endeavour to teach our students to synthesise carefully material they read and view. In presenting their work, whether by writing, graphically or orally, we expect a level of understanding of their topic, not a rehash of collected material.

To achieve this, our students learn to discriminate carefully between sources of information. Students are given tasks which require them to not simply collect information, but to put it to use.
Information and communication technologies provide students with one set of tools to do this. Our Lady of the Southern Cross College is fortunate to have an extensive network and campus wide wireless coverage. All students from Prep to Year 12 have access to the network and its resources which include over 350 PCs and Laptops, Interactive White Boards (IWBs) or Interactive Projectors in most teaching spaces and three Visualisers. Teachers and Teachers’ Aides are also able to use these facilities to access continuing professional development.

While we do not teach computer skills as a subject at Our Lady of the Southern Cross College, from a young age children are using computers to write, draw, present, store, search, communicate and create. Skills are taught as required, and on any given day students might be learning to use MS PowerPoint to create presentations in Religious Education classes, searching a Science topic on the internet, using a digital camera to gather evidence in an experiment, exchanging email with their e-pals in the USA, or brainstorming a SOSE topic using Inspiration. All students and teachers have online access to the Library catalogue provided by LibCode.

**Extra-Curricular Activities**

**Spiritual and Faith Development:**
- Commencement Mass and Student Leaders Missioning
- Retreats Years 8 – 12
- Lenten and Holy Week Liturgies
- Participation in College Lenten program
- Mission Week Activities and Liturgy
- Celebration of Feast of Pentecost
- Ecumenical Liturgies
- Celebration of Mary of the Southern Cross
- Celebration of All Saints Day
- Class Liturgies
- Broader Faith Community Events

**Academic:**
- Optiminds Competition
- ICAS Competitions (Mandatory Mathematics and English for all students Years 6 – 12 and elective Science and Computer)
- USQ Science and Engineering Challenge
- USQ PICSE Science and Engineering Investigation Awards
- Public Speaking:
  - Rostrum Voice of Youth
  - Lions Youth of the Year
Cultural:
- Instrumental Music Program
- Choirs - Junior and Senior Primary, and Secondary Choirs
- One Act Play Night (Senior School)
- Musical productions
- Arts Council visits and other quality touring productions.
- Awards and Concert Evenings

Outdoor Education and Educational Excursions:
- Camps Years 4 – 12, including:
  - Years 4 & 5 at Tallebudgera (odd numbered years)
  - Years 6 & 7 tour to Canberra (even numbered years)
- Year 8 Camp
- Year 9 Camp
- Year 10 Camp
- Year 11 Leadership Camp

Educational Field Trips for:
- Geography
- Biology
- Astronomy

Educational excursions to:
- Musicals
- The Gallery of Modern Art

Service and Community
- Pastoral House activities and celebrations
- Participation in community forums
- On campus Service Activities

Sport:
- Inter-house and Inter-School Sports participation (representation at district, regional and state levels), including:
  - Rugby League, Rugby Union, AFL, Soccer, Netball, Volleyball, Golf, Tennis, Cricket, Touch Football and Squash
  - Equestrian Competitions
  - Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics carnivals

Social Climate

Our Lady of the Southern Cross College has a friendly and family oriented environment where all are welcome and wanted in the school community. Many parent volunteers help each year in classrooms and around the College. Our Lady of the Southern Cross College acknowledges their contribution through a special morning-tea towards the end of the year.

The College has an advisory Board and an effective Parents and Friends Association which seeks to build community as well as financially support special College projects.
The College seeks to develop a positive social climate within the student body through:

- Timely acknowledgement of students who participate in community and service activities in the College Newsletter and Assemblies
- Presentation of Diligence Awards at the end of each term to acknowledge students who are punctual and prepared for class, who complete classwork and homework to the best of their ability and are positive and regular participants in class discussion
- Encouraging students to take initiative and look for opportunities to contribute to the College community

The College utilises a well-documented Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures of which the College Bullying Policy and Procedures is an element. Both policies are based on the Christ values of respect and care for all and are expressed in positive terms. Parents are provided with both policies at enrolment and they are available on the College website or from the College Office on request.

Bullying is addressed with the College community by:

- Defining and explaining the nature of bullying (physical, verbal, social, emotional) in an age appropriate manner in a variety of classroom and school yard contexts
- Discussing and benchmarking bullying behaviours against the Christ values of care and respect
- Utilising the “You Can Do It” program which is supplemented by targeted programs on Protective Behaviours, Inclusive Relationships and Peer Support
- Identifying appropriate means by which bullying behaviours can be reported by students, parents and staff
- Conducting random year level surveys to proactively identify dysfunctional social relationships and instances of bullying behaviours
- Responding immediately and decisively to investigate instances of bullying behaviours, usually with the assistance of parents
- Monitoring closely for the re-occurrence of bullying behaviours and taking immediate and serious disciplinary action should further instances be identified. This action is always taken in participation with relevant parents.

**Parental Involvement**

At Our Lady of the Southern Cross College, we embrace our parent community and encourage their optimum level of involvement. They are valued members of our school.

**Strategies Used to Involve Parents in their Child’s Education**

- Information Evenings on Curriculum and new initiatives within the school
- Open invitation to participate in School Liturgical Celebrations
• Reporting to parents verbally as soon as possible in the school year.
• Open Day, Grandparents’ Day and Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day
• Creating a partnership with parents of students with special needs involving regular meetings and updates
• Publishing information into the school newsletter.
• Open invitation to participate and help out with classroom activities.
• Inviting Dads into the classroom through a “Real Men Read” program

Many parents choose to involve themselves through:
• In-class support - Years 1 – 5
• Coaching of sporting teams
• Tuckshop Volunteer
• Assistance with Inter-house Swimming and Athletics Carnivals
• Assistance with College sporting teams and cultural activities
• College Education Board
• Parents and Friends Association Meetings and activities

**College Information and Policies**

Information on College activities and policies can be obtained by calling in person at Our Lady of the Southern Cross College Reception, by telephoning 07 4672 4111 or emailing Dalby@twb.catholic.edu.au. Alternatively the College website contains the weekly edition of the Southern Cross Connection, information on policies, events and a regularly updated calendar.

**School Financial Information**

The information on net recurrent income including:
• Federal Government recurrent funding
• Queensland Government recurrent funding
• Fee, charges and parent contributions
• Other private resources
Is available from: www.myschool.edu.au

**Staff Composition**
### Workforce Composition

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<th>Total Non-Teaching Staff</th>
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### Teacher Qualifications

This table indicates the highest qualification by teachers at Our Lady of the Southern Cross College. A number of teachers hold more than one degree.

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<th>% of Teaching Staff</th>
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### STAFF DEVELOPMENT

#### Professional Development

Professional Development opportunities were provided by the Diocese of Toowoomba Catholic Education – Faith, Education Teaching and Learning. The College further expended $28,565.65 on Professional Development of staff in the following areas:

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<td>Developing a framework for risk management strategies in order to protect students in our community from all forms of harm. Developing an action plan for this framework to operate effectively.</td>
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<td>Student Protection</td>
<td>All staff</td>
<td>Regular review and refreshment for all staff, concentrating on staff code of behaviour,</td>
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<td><strong>Curriculum</strong></td>
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<td>Consolidation and review of the implementation of the Australian Curriculum in English, Mathematics and Science. Preparation and planning for the Australian Curriculum in History</td>
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<td><strong>Primary Science Connections</strong></td>
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<td>Implementation of research and investigation approach to units of work in Science</td>
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<td>Early Years Teachers</td>
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<td><strong>Religious Education</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Workplace Health &amp; Safety</strong></td>
<td>All Staff</td>
<td>First Aid including CPR Training in responses to allergic reactions. Training in the use of epipens.</td>
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**Staff Attendance**

The staff attendance rate during 2013 was 95.8%.

**Staff Retention**

The staff retention rate at Our Lady of the Southern Cross College 2013 was 94.6%.
Student Attendance

The average rate of student attendance is calculated using a formula that compares the number of absences recorded in the roll to the number of students in fulltime enrolment and the total number of scheduled school days. At Our Lady of the Southern Cross College the average student attendance rate during 2013 was 91.3%.

Student Attendance for Each Year Level (expressed as %)

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Description of How Non-Attendance is Managed by the School

Rolls are marked by teachers using an electronic roll in Reporter Pro at 8.45am each morning and 3.05pm each afternoon. Rolls are checked on SAS 2000, the College Administration System, at the office by 9.00am and an SMS is sent to parents who have not yet advised the College of their child’s absence. If the SMS is not answered by 9.30am the College rings the parents for an explanation of the student’s absence. If the absence is ongoing with no explanation received and phone contact not able to be made, a letter is sent home by the Pastoral Co-ordinator.

Value Added

Leadership Program for Year 6 and 11 students

This is conducted annually in Term 4. The program involves the preparation of students for their role as student leaders in the Junior and Senior school and process for election of school leaders for following year. The program includes a one day retreat.

Commencement Mass and Student Leadership Mission

School leaders are presented with their badges. The whole school celebrates the beginning of the school year.

Social Justice Awareness

Opportunities to become aware of social justice issues are explored and action taken. For example money was raised or donations of food which were acquired for the following groups:

- Project Compassion
- Catholic Mission
- St Vincent de Paul – Adopt a Student and Mini Vinnies
- Cancer Fund – Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea and
- Shave For a Cure/Crazy Hair Day
‘You Can Do It’
This program is used P-12 to develop the social and emotional capabilities of students, particularly in areas such as confidence (academic, social), persistence, organization, getting along with others, and resilience.

Student Representative Council
Elected class members from Year 6 to 12 meet regularly with an aim to develop student life at Our Lady of the Southern Cross College.

Year 6 / 7 Canberra Tour
Every second year, Year 6 / 7 students undertake a 7 day trip to Canberra visiting places of importance. This trip is closely linked with an integrated unit of work on Democratic Processes and Australian Government

Prayer Week
This occurs once a term with a particular focus over five days. For example:
- Family: with a focus on grandparents and culminating in Grandparent’s Day and Mother’s Day
- Holy Week
- Catholic Education Week
- Catholic Mission/All Saints Day
- Special Days Particular days are given a focus, either a liturgy or class activity
- Ash Wednesday
- Easter
- Pentecost
- St Columba’s day
- St Joseph’s Day
- Our Lady of the Southern Cross
- ANZAC Day
- All Saints Day
- Remembrance Day
- NAIDOC Week
- ‘House’ days: Nolan, Rice, MacKillop, McAuley

Friends Program
Students with social and emotional problems are exposed to the Friends Program. This is a program that aims to build resilience in children and allows them strategies to build a stronger social and emotional literacy.

- Feelings
- Relax and feel good
- Inner thoughts
- Explore plans
- Nice work! Reward yourself
- Don’t forget to practise
- Stay calm

Excellence in Catholic Education-School Renewal and Improvement Process
School Renewal and Improvement is an on-going process of self-evaluation measured against a commonly agreed set of criteria. It informs action planning at the school level to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement. Above all, Catholic schools must be good schools with a strong learning orientation and a strong sense of purpose. This process provides an opportunity for each school to reflect on 4 Domain areas: Catholic Life and Religious Education; Learning and Teaching; Leadership for School Improvement; Strategic Resourcing. Each of these domains has elements (24 in total) which are reviewed on a cyclical basis and plans for improvement developed if necessary.

In 2013, the elements of Partnership with Parish, Student Achievement and Staff Well Being were reflected on, reviewed and strategically planned for.

**Parent Satisfaction**

Parent satisfaction is gauged through input received at P & F and College Board meetings. Parental input into the operation of the College is always welcome. More detailed parental input is sought every five years as part of the Diocesan School Renewal Program.

In 2013 the Catholic Education Office of Toowoomba commissioned Radii to conduct online surveys of parents, students and staff. The statistical survey report for each category is the subject of analysis and discussion by the College Leadership Team and the College Board for the purpose of addressing key areas of concern.
### National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Results

#### Year 3 Test Results (2013)

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### Yr 12 Outcomes

| Senior Education Profiles (SEP) | 55 |
| Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) | 53 |
| Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) | 0 |
| Vocational Education and Training (VET) Qualifications | 11 |
| School-based Apprenticeships or Traineeships (SAT) | 9 |
| Overall Position (OP) | 45 |
| Senior Statement only | 0 |
| % with SAT, QCE, IB, or VET qualification | 96% |
| % QTAC applicants with a tertiary offer | 100% |

| VET Cert I | 3 |
| VET Cert II | 1 |
| VET Cert III | 4 |
| VET Cert IV | - |

| OP 1 - 5 | 9 |
| OP 6 - 10 | 12 |
| OP 11 - 15 | 16 |
| OP 16 - 20 | 8 |
| OP 21 - 25 | 0 |

### Apparent Retention Rates

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**Post-School Destinations**

Please note that the Next Step 2014 Survey Summary Report below refers to the Senior class of 2013 and their post school destinations in 2014.

**NEXT STEP 2014**

**YEAR 12 DESTINATIONS**

Our Lady of the Southern Cross College

**Introduction**

This page presents a summary of results of the annual Next Step survey for Our Lady of the Southern Cross College. The Next Step survey, undertaken by the Queensland Government, targets all students who completed Year 12 and gained a Senior Statement in 2013, whether they attended a government, Catholic or independent school, or a TAFE secondary college. The Queensland Government Statistician’s Office conducted the survey between March and June 2014, approximately six months after the young people left school. Responses were collected via computer-assisted telephone interviewing and an online survey.

Statewide and regional reports from the Next Step survey will be available on the Next Step website in September 2014 at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep.

**Response rate for Our Lady of the Southern Cross College**

Table 1 below reports the response rate for Our Lady of the Southern Cross College. It expresses the number of respondents from this school, as a percentage of all Year 12 completers who attended Our Lady of the Southern Cross College in 2013.

It has not been possible to ascertain how representative these responses are of all Year 12 completers from this school.

**Table 1: Survey response rate, Our Lady of the Southern Cross College 2014**

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**Definitions of main destinations**

The pathways of Year 12 completers were categorised into ten main destinations. Year 12 completers who were both studying and working were reported as studying for their main destination. A table defining these categories can be found in the statewide report at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep.

**Summary of findings**

In 2014, 70.8 per cent of young people who completed Year 12 at Our Lady of the Southern Cross College in 2013 continued in some recognised form of education and training in the year after they left school.

The most common study destination was Bachelor Degree (56.3 per cent). The combined VET study destinations accounted for 14.6 per cent of respondents, including 2.1 per cent in campus-based VET programs at Certificate IV level or higher.

12.5 per cent commenced employment-based training, either as an apprentice (8.3 per cent) or trainee (4.2 per cent).

In addition to the above study destinations, a further 16.7 per cent of respondents from this school deferred a tertiary offer in 2014 (deferrers are shown in Figure 1 in their current destination).

29.2 per cent did not enter post-school education or training, and were either employed (25.0 per cent), seeking work (2.1 per cent) or not in the labour force, education or training (2.1 per cent).
Figure 1: Main destination of Year 12 completers, Our Lady of the Southern Cross College 2014

A hardcopy of this report is available by request from the Principal.