**Introduction:**
The aim of Catholic schooling is to nurture students, staff and parents in a Christian environment expressed within the Catholic tradition of human development in the spiritual, academic, social, cultural and physical dimensions. Participation in sport at Our Lady of the Southern Cross College contributes to this development.

**Definition:**
Schedule 4 of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 defines sport to mean a form of human activity capable of achieving a result requiring physical exertion or physical skill that, because of its nature or organisation, is competitive and is generally recognised as sport. (http://www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au/employment/bluecard/definitions.html)

**Values:**
The Sport Policy gives expression to the six Defining Features of Catholic Schools (Voices: 2001), which are inherent in the creation of a college faith community. The Policy acknowledges that participation in sport can develop a student’s unique abilities and talents, as well as their sportsmanship, consistent with a belief in a loving Creator and Christ values. The values of care and respect for self, teammates and other competitors are implicit in pursuing personal excellence and good sportsmanship.

**Policy Statement:**
Sport at Our Lady of the Southern Cross College falls into two categories:

*Intra-school Sport*
The focus of Intra-school Sport will always be **participation**.

*Inter-school Sport*
The focus for inter-school sporting events will be to select the best sporting team available within the approved and acceptable age divisions.

The Policy aim is to:
- Develop an environment where participation in sport is fostered
- To provide ongoing education that promotes the development of skills
- To develop within children the understanding of sportsmanship which is the ability to play within the rules and accept the outcome
Consequences:
- The College will provide opportunities for staff, parents and senior students to gain appropriate coaching accreditation
- Actively promote and foster intra-school competition
- The College is committed to supporting participation in local district sport
- The College will host inter school sporting activities where it is appropriate