**Introduction:**
Queensland has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world (Cancer Council Queensland Website 2/11/10).

With this in mind, Our Lady of the Southern Cross College Education Board acknowledges the need to protect children’s skin and educate them about Sun Safe behaviour, thus reducing the risk of skin damage from exposure to the sun.

**Definition:**
Sun Safety is protection from harmful exposure to the sun.

**Values:**
The Sun Safety Policy gives expression to the six Defining Features of Catholic Schools (Voices: 2001) which are inherent in the creation of a college faith community. As each individual is a creation of God, we are called to care for ourselves and each other. Consequently the Sun Safety Policy seeks to promote self-respect and responsibility.

**Policy Statement:**
Sun Safe principles are incorporated into College community planning and activities.

The Policy aim is to:
- Provide ongoing education that promotes personal responsibility for Sun Safety
- Provide an environment that supports Sun Safe practices; and
- Create an awareness of the need to schedule work commitments and outdoor activities to support Sun Safe practices.

**Consequences:**
Sun Safety measures should be practical as well as protective.
- Shade should be provided for outdoor activities, where practicable, irrespective of the season
- School administrators should be flexible in their planning and timing of daytime outdoor activities
- Parents, staff and volunteer helpers practice Sun Safe principles (according to Sun Smart Policy, Queensland Schools), and in doing so, act as positive role models for students; and
- Our Lady of the Southern Cross College maintains a set of Sun Safe procedures relevant to particular situations