



# COCURRICULAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR

**Scope:** This policy applies to St Patrick's College ('the College') Mackay conducted by Catholic Education, Diocese of Rockhampton (referred to as Catholic Education in the document).

## 1. POLICY STATEMENT

The policy aims to:

- Encourage participation in extra curricular activities
- Develop students' potential
- Appreciate the gifts of others
- Enrich the community and contribute to its growth
- Expand the skills of students as they prepare for further study or employment.

Activities deemed extra curricular are actively encouraged and include spiritual, academic, cultural and physical pursuits beyond the school curriculum.

Activities deemed cocurricular are activities that emerge directly from the school curriculum.

## 2. DESCRIPTION

The College as a senior educational facility acknowledges that an integral part of a Catholic education is the provision of a wide variety of cocurricular and extra curricular activities.

This policy serves to inform all stakeholders of the importance of extra and cocurricular activities and how they will be conducted and encouraged at the college.

Equity, Respect, Dignity, Community, Learning, Self-Development and Belonging are the key values attached to this policy.

## 3. IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

Students have a primary role in exercising responsibility for their self development. The school will monitor participation and encourage an appropriate level of involvement.

Within the limits of its resources, the school community will provide and encourage opportunities for students' participation in extra curricular and cocurricular activities.

The honorary and voluntary support of staff and parents for these activities is necessary and greatly appreciated.

Individual's choice of extra curricular activities will be respected, but wide participation will be encouraged.

## 4. REFLECTION MATERIAL

### WEBSITES

Queensland Government Website – Education Queensland – Strategies Policies and Initiatives  
<http://deta.qld.gov.au/right-to-information/what-you-can-access/publications/education.html>