# PATHWAY TO REPRESENTING AT STATE LEVEL

## ELIGIBILITY:

- 8 year old children in Year 2 and all Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children attending Diocese of Maitland Newcastle schools shall be eligible to participate in swimming, x country & athletic carnivals. For team sports preference is for talented Year 5 & 6 students.
- Children should not be selected to any level unless they are suitable to represent (i.e. display a high standard of skill / game ability, play the sport outside of school, in a representative team etc.).
- Each child must trial at each level of the pathway to be progressed.

# SCHOOL LEVEL:

- In most cases the sports program should provide adequate opportunity for noting individual student talent. In some circumstances time out of the sport program may be needed to run a specific trial.
- Children nominating **must be available** for all future trials within their chosen sport-regional, Dio, Polding and NSWPSSA events

## **REGIONAL LEVEL:**

- Individuals and in some cases squads will participate in selection trials.
- Selection trials held in school time must not exceed one day.
- Many Regional sport trials will be held on the same day, be aware that children may only trial for one sport on these days.
- Regions can only progress the allowed regional number to Dio trials.

## **DIOCESAN LEVEL:**

- Students selected at Regional Trials will participate at Diocesan Trials
- Selection trials must not exceed one day
- Many Diocesan sport trials will be held on the same day.
- Be aware that children may only trial for one sport on these days.
- Participants must be available for the duration of the sports trial.

## **POLDING LEVEL:**

- Squads/ individuals selected from the Diocesan Trials will participate at this level.
- Diocesan Squads will be selected from individual performances displayed on the day of the Diocesan trials to progress to the Polding trials.

## STATE LEVEL:

• Polding squad will be selected from the POLDING Trials to represent NSW Catholic Primary Schools at State level (NSWPSSA).