



MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

*Human Sexuality Program for
SA Catholic Schools*



Being Sexual
Strand

Standard 1
Foundation



God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it...." God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

Genesis 1:28, 31

Introduction

St Pius X School believes in educating and preparing students for active participation in life through a growing understanding of the Christian Gospel. As part of this preparation, the *Made In The Image Of God* program is implemented as a support to our parents and caregivers in their key role as primary educators of their children in the area of human sexuality. This program aims to meet the needs of our children by promoting and encouraging:

- * A sense of God's love
- * An acceptance of self-confidence
- * Ease in coping with relationships
- * Self-assertiveness
- * The ability to choose wisely and well
- * Human sexuality education
- * Health awareness

Outcome 1.2

Celebrates God's gift of new life and explores gender and family structures.

Content, Skills, Attitudes and Dispositions:

- * A sense of awe and wonder for the gift of new life.
- * An ability to use correct terminology to name parts of the body (*to be taught in Term 4 during Health*).
- * A familiarity with the story of their birth and welcome into their family and church family.

God's Creative Action

*Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness...." So God created human kind in his image, in the image of **God** created them; male and female **God** created them.*

Genesis 1:26a, 27

The 'Being Sexual' Strand — This strand is designed to affirm the value and dignity of human life. It promotes reverence for self, others and the whole of creation.

Discovering — God gives new life to each person. We receive the gift of body, mind and soul and become part of a family. There are differences of gender and family structures.

Key Idea 2 — Students explore the belief that sexuality is integral to the human person and develop an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church regarding human sexuality.

Family involvement

Home based activities

We genuinely value the partnership we have with families and deem it essential to the success of the *Made In The Image Of God* program. Listed below are some suggestions for activities you can do at home to support your child's learning -

- * Pray together, especially thanking God for the gift of life.
- * Use correct terms to name parts of the body and explain the physical differences between boys and girls.
- * Reinforce the Christian belief that our bodies are special gifts from God.