



MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

*Human Sexuality Program for
SA Catholic Schools*



Being Sexual
Strand

Standard 2
Year 3



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

Outcome 2.2

Responds to the belief that humanity is an expression of God's creative love and explores the distinct stages of human growth and change.

Content, Skills, Attitudes and Dispositions:

- * An appreciation of the different needs of different stages of growth and development.
- * An appreciation of the miracle of new life and growth as a sign of God's wonderful creation.
- * An understanding of the developmental changes that occur from conception to old age.

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.

Developing — Human life has distinct stages of development which involve growth and change.

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 there are physical differences between boys and girls.
- * Read the creation stories of Genesis 1 and 2 to reflect on the miracle of new life as a gift from God.