



MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

*Human Sexuality Program for
SA Catholic Schools*



Being Sexual
Strand

Standard 3
Year 5



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 3.2

Appraises how physical, social and spiritual changes occur in themselves and others and appreciates that his/her sexual identity is critical for developing as a mature person.

Content, Skills, Attitudes and Dispositions:

- * A recognition of the physical, social, emotional, spiritual and intellectual growth and development that occurs in males and females during puberty.
- * A respectful attitude towards self and others as changes occur during puberty.

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.

Changing — Males and females develop in different ways. Puberty is a time of radical change. Understanding this change and appreciating one's sexual identity is critical for developing as a mature person.

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
- * Discuss how change and growth are an expression of God's wonderful work.
- * Reflect upon and discuss the changes your child has undergone as he/she has grown and developed. Consider also the changes that come with puberty.