



# MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

Human Sexuality Program for  
SA Catholic Schools



Being Sexual  
Strand

Standard 3  
Year 6



*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:*

- \* An understanding of sexuality as a gift from God who calls us to use it respectfully.
- \* A basic understanding of the female and male reproductive systems.
- \* An understanding and respect for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

## 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

## 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.