



MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

*Human Sexuality Program for
SA Catholic Schools*



Being Sexual
Strand

Standard 4
Year 7



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 4.2

Reflects upon the implications of adolescent growth and development and engages with Catholic teaching on sexuality and its implications for sexual behaviour.

Content, Skills, Attitudes and Dispositions:

- * An appreciation of the human body as an expression of the image of God.
- * An awareness of the implications of adolescent growth and development.
- * An awareness of the ways sexual behaviour reflects self-image and self-understanding.
- * An appreciation of the unitive and procreative nature of sexual intercourse as expressed in marriage.

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.

Emerging — Growth towards sexual maturity hinges on the respect that each person shows towards the dignity and integrity of their own bodies as well as the bodies of others.

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 -

- * Look at images of people to consider and discuss how the human body is an expression of God's image.
- * Discuss how we grow and change through our adolescent years.
- * Discuss how behavior and self-image/self-understanding are connected.