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**Re: Years 5-6 Human Sexuality Program - Made in the Image of God (MITIOG)**

Dear Families

At Caritas College students from R - 12 participate in the Human Sexuality Program for SA Catholic Schools known as the Made in the Image of God curriculum. This program is grounded in a Catholic understanding of the human person and is presented in four threads: Identity, Relationships, Human Development, and Reproduction and Reproductive Health.

During Term 4 your child will be participating in the Made in the Image of God curriculum.

The unit will be taught as part of the Religious Education Curriculum and the following topics will be covered at **Years 5 and 6**.

- An understanding and respect for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death
- A respectful attitude towards self and others as changes occur during puberty
- A basic understanding of the female and male reproductive systems including the menstrual cycle
- A recognition of the physical, social, emotional, spiritual and intellectual growth and development that occurs in males and females during puberty
- An understanding of sexuality as a gift from God who calls us to use it respectfully.

The Made in the Image of God Curriculum has been developed by the Catholic Education Office to provide students in Reception to Year 12 with the information necessary to make informed, healthy lifestyle decisions.

If you have any queries about the program and wish to discuss your child's involvement, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Chloe Shanahan or your child's class teacher on 86489700.

Thanking you for your support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Mary Manning  
A/Principal



Mrs Chloe Shanahan  
Leader of Catholic Identity