

September 2023

**Re: Year 8 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 framework. 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 the first half of 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 students at **Year 8** have the opportunity to explore and/or develop the following:

- an understanding of the Catholic perspective of human sexuality with a focus on the multi-dimensional nature of the human person
- an understanding of how gender contributes to self-understanding
- an appreciation the importance of upholding the dignity of themselves and others in all relationships including sexual.
- an understanding of sexual orientation and the pastoral response of the Church
- an understanding the Catholic view of marriage

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