



Caritas College
Port Augusta

Made in the Image of God Human Sexuality Education Policy

Caritas College School Board

Rationale for a Human Sexuality Education Policy

The belief that human beings are made in the image of God is a foundational principle of the Catholic Church. It underpins the Church's teaching about the dignity of the human person and the sacredness of sexuality.

(Made in the Image of God. Living Catholic Tradition)

The Catholic Church holds the value of human life in the highest esteem and supports the prime role of family as a community of love. Families are considered by the Church to be the very foundation of society.

The Catholic Church acknowledges parents as the first and foremost educators of their children. The Church calls parents to give their children clear and appropriate human sexuality education.

This policy acknowledges the importance of a complementary partnership between families and the school to impart appropriate human sexuality education.

Made in the Image of God is the official program for sexuality education in SA Catholic schools and will be implemented at Caritas College in accordance with this policy.

Role of the School Board is to:

- Monitor the implementation and review of the Human Sexuality Education Policy.
- Ensure parent representation of the school community in reviewing this policy.
- Promote parent and community partnerships that support this policy.

Role of the Principal is to:

- Promote the Caritas College Human Sexuality Education Policy.
- Monitor the implementation of the Human Sexuality Policy.
- Ensure all staff members receive relevant professional learning in relation to the *Made in the Image of God* program.
- Appoint a key teacher to oversee the implementation of the program.

Role of Parents is to:

- Actively participate as the first educators in partnership with the school by being familiar with and supporting the Human Sexuality Education Policy.
- Engage in opportunities to access and share information that is relevant to the program.

Role of staff members is to:

- Participate in professional learning in relation to the Policy and the *Made in the Image of God* program.
- Create a culturally sensitive and emotionally safe learning environment in which to implement the program.
- Inform parents of the program content taught to students.
- Plan and implement information sessions to support parents as the first educators of their children.

Role of students is to:

- Participate in all learning experiences in relation to the *Made in the Image of God* program.
- Cooperate to maintain a culturally sensitive and emotionally safe learning environment for self and others

Links

Crossways – Religious Education Framework for SA Catholic Schools
Caritas College Behavior Education Policy

References

Made in the Image of God
Human Sexuality Program for South Australian Catholic Schools
Scripture Reference - Genesis 1: 26-27

Implemented: February 2010
Reviewed: 2011 / 2012
Review:

Protective Measures

- Students are requested to log off when finished with a computer;
- Any hardware or network problems should be reported to the supervising teacher or
- the network administrator who will assess the problem, provide diagnosis and a
- solution where necessary.

All the policies listed above have been read and we agree to abide by the responsibilities outlined in each policy.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Student)

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent)



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