

September 2024

Re: Years 3-4
Made in the Image of God Sexuality and Respectful Relationships (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, designed for SA Catholic schools. This program is grounded in a Catholic understanding of the human person and is presented in four threads: Relationships, Identity, Human Development, and Reproduction and Reproductive Health.

During Term 4, your child will be participating in the Human Sexuality component of the curriculum.

The unit will be taught as part of the Religious Education Curriculum; students in **Years 3 and 4** will have the opportunity to explore and develop:

- An understanding of the developmental changes that occur from conception to old age
- An understanding of how a foetus grows and develops
- An appreciation of the different needs of different stages of growth and development
- An ability to identify and name parts of the body related to the reproductive system and a basic understanding of their function
- An appreciation of the Catholic understanding of the purpose of sexual intercourse
- An appreciation of the miracle of new life and growth as a sign of God's wonderful creation.

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



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