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Re: Year 9
Made in the Image of God Sexuality and Respectful Relationships (MITIOG)

Dear Families

At Caritas College students from R-12 participate in the Made in the Image of God Sexuality and Respectful Relationships 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 the first part of 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 and Rite Journey Curriculum and students at **Year 9** have the opportunity to explore and/or develop the following:

- The Catholic perspective on human sexuality and relationships
- Ways to critique societal/media portrayal of 'maleness' and 'femaleness'
- The ability to identify influences that objectify the human person
- An understanding of the nature and purpose of sexual attraction and sexual feelings
- The implications of sexual activity including the transmission of sexually transmitted infections specifically Chlamydia and hepatitis and review of HIV/Aids

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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