



Made in the Image of God Sexuality and Respectful Relationships Curriculum (MITIOG) – Stage 1 Religion Education

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The *Made in the Image of God* Sexuality and Respectful Relationships Curriculum (MITIOG) is the official program for sexuality and respectful relationships education in South Australian Catholic Schools for Years R-12. Each year our students engage with age-appropriate curriculum content regarding sexuality and respectful relationships through MITIOG. This year, the curriculum will be taught during Term 2 Week 8-9.

Catholic understanding is that all humans are made in the image of God and therefore deserving of the utmost dignity and honour, and that our sexuality is a fundamental dimension of the human person. We acknowledge that the beliefs, values and insights of the Christian Tradition and Catholic moral teaching enrich lives.

The MITIOG curriculum content is captured and delivered across 2-year stages. This year, the content to be covered for Year 11 will be:

- *Moral and safe decision making in a Catholic context*
- *An appreciation of the nature of intimacy and commitment in relationships, and the role they play in human flourishing*
- *An appreciation of the Christian understanding of the human person in an exploration of the legal and moral responsibilities regarding sexual identity and behaviour*

We acknowledge that families are the first educators of their child's sexuality and that it is the role of the school to support families in this area. We are committed to supporting and enriching these partnerships. Whilst this curriculum is taught in South Australian Catholic schools, should you wish for your child to be excluded from classes and be given other work, please indicate this in writing via email to du.nguyen@nazareth.catholic.edu.au

You are also welcome to contact me with any queries.

Kind regards,

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