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Made in the Image of God - Human Sexuality Program  
Keeping Safe – Child Protection Curriculum

Dear Families,

Made in the Image of God is the mandated Human Sexuality program for South Australian Catholic Schools. This program has four learning areas in which the students in Catholic schools investigate aspects of human relationships.

The areas of learning are Being Human, Being Sexual, Being Moral and Being Connected.

In Term 3 the focus area of learning is Being Sexual. The content of the Being Sexual Unit for each year level varies depending on the age of the students and the Year Level they are in. If you would like more information about specific topics for your child's Year level, please contact me or your child's RE teacher.

The topics in the Being Sexual unit are taught in a manner that promotes and encourages behaviours founded on Catholic values. This is achieved by exploring the spiritual, physical and moral dimensions of human sexuality and developing an appreciation of the Catholic Church teaching regarding sexuality which is a gift from God.

This term in conjunction with the Human Sexuality program the college will be delivering the **Keeping Safe-Child Protection Curriculum**. This program is also required to be taught by schools in South Australia and is designed to help children, in conjunction with responsible adults, remain safe in their community.

The areas of learning in the Child Protection Curriculum are **The Right to be Safe, Relationships, Recognising and Reporting Abuse and Protective Strategies**. This term the focus area for the Child Protection Curriculum is **Recognising and Reporting Abuse**.

The themes that are explored in the topic of Recognising and Reporting Abuse include;

**Recognising Abuse**  
**Identifying Abuse and Neglect**  
**Electronic Media**

Issues about privacy, secrets and trust are also explored so as to keep children safe. Again the topics and the language used by teachers are tailored to suit the needs of the children in a particular year level and taught with respect and diligence.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the teaching of the Being Sexual component of the Made in the Image of God program or the Child Protection Curriculum, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

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