MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD
Human Sexuality Program for SA Catholic Schools

At Marymount College we believe that...

- Humans are made in the image of God.
- Humans are deserving of the utmost dignity and honour.
- Human sexuality, integral to the human person, is a gift from God through which we can live out our vocation to love.
- The values and insights of the Christian Tradition and Catholic moral teaching enrich our lives and are integral to this program.

Parent Partnerships

The *Made in the Image of God* Program at Marymount College recognises the key role of parents in the task of education. Parent Partnerships, Documentation, Professional Development for Staff and the provision of adequate and sound resources are crucial to the implementation of the program.

We acknowledge that parents have a right and responsibility to educate their children in human sexuality and that it is the role of the school to support parents in this area. We highly value our partnerships with parents and are committed to strengthening and enriching these partnerships.

Being Sexual - the Catholic Tradition

Each and every person, female and male, is a unique expression of God’s love. bd’agostino@mc.catholic.edu.au

Standard 3 (Years 5-6)

**Changing**

Males and females develop in different ways. Puberty is a time of radical change. Understanding this change and appreciating one’s sexual identity is critical for developing as a mature person.

**Year Level Content**

- Menstruation – a sign of change from childhood to adulthood
- Labelling Reproductive Systems
- Preparing information on puberty and changes that occur
- Looking at the responsibilities that come with these changes.
- A respectful attitude towards self and others as changes occur during puberty.
- A recognition of the physical, social, emotional, spiritual and intellectual growth and development that occurs in males and females during puberty.

If there are any queries about the program, please email Belinda D’Agostino bd’agostino@mc.catholic.edu.au