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.

**Year Level Content**

- An awareness of the ways sexual behaviour reflects self-image and self-understanding.
- An appreciation of the unitive and procreative nature of sexual intercourse as expressed in marriage.
- Revise the processes of male and female fertility.
- Access to information about sexually transmitted infections.
- Awareness of different forms of contraception.
- The Catholic Church’s teaching on contraception.
- An understanding of sexual orientation and the pastoral response of the Church.
- The implications of sexual activity.

**Standard 4 (Years 7-8)**

**Emerging**

Growth towards sexual maturity hinges on the respect that each person shows towards the dignity and integrity of their own bodies as well as the bodies of others.