29 April 2014

Learning about Growth and Development

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our learning in Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE), students are expected to learn about how they grow and change over time. In the NSW PDHPE Curriculum, the subject matter outlined for Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) includes aspects of human sexuality, including changes at puberty and reproductive processes. Years 5 and 6 will learn about these topics in their PDHPE unit this term, Growing and Changing.

As a Catholic school, we believe that God has created each of us to grow into the fullness of life. We want students to understand that they are made in God’s image and therefore, we are of inherent dignity and worth. Our sexuality is an intrinsic part of ourselves, to be celebrated and expressed with joy and responsibility, according to God’s plan. Each person grows and changes, passing through stages on a journey towards full maturity. God is with us on this journey, reassuring and challenging.

We believe that we need to work in partnership with you to nurture this sense and understanding within your children.

To this end, we invite you to attend an information meeting where we will outline the intended learning program. In this way, you will be better able to support your child as they have questions, and help to reassure them that these changes are a natural part of becoming an adult. The details of the meeting are as follows:

Date: Thursday 8 May
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Venue: Year 6 Classroom

Would you please complete and return the slip below to confirm your attendance.

Kind regards,

Attila Lenval
Principal

Robert Barden
Stage 3 Coordinator

Stage 3 Growth and Development Parent Meeting

Thursday 8 May, 6:30 pm

Student’s Name: ________________________________

Class: ________________

I will / will not be able to attend the parent meeting.

Parent’s Signature: ________________________________

Date: ________________