Friday 25 July 2014

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Over the next couple of weeks Grade 7 and 9 students will commence a Learning Sequence in Sexual Health. This programme is called ‘Growing Towards Wholeness’ (GTW) and has been commended by the previous Archbishop of Hobart, Adrian Doyle and recommended by the Director of Catholic Education, Dr Patricia Hindmarsh.

GTW is designed to assist the parents of students who attend Catholic schools, Catholic school educators, and parishes in the Archdiocese of Hobart to support what is already being achieved in schools, and to guide the future development of programmes in accordance with current best practice. It offers a mandate for schools to act in accordance with the teachings of the Church, and to draw upon contemporary information and teaching practices to assist parents and parishes as they carry out their responsibilities to bring their children to a true and full understanding of human sexuality.

Parents, teachers and the parish community need to work together closely and harmoniously, given the strength of various influences in wider society, including the media, that are neither formative of loving and healthy sexuality, nor supportive of family life and spiritual maturity.

Information regarding the policy document and content framework of the program can be found at http://www.catholic.tas.edu.au/publications/other-documents. If you wish, you may withdraw your son from the ‘Growing Towards Wholeness’ programme, in which case alternative work will be supplied.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Mahoney at the College on 6249 6555.

Yours sincerely

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