



Dear Parents/Caregivers

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Sexuality Education is part of the NZ Curriculum and it is a requirement that it is taught as part of the Health and Physical Education learning areas.

Health and Physical Education in the NZ Curriculum states that:

‘School boards of every state school must now implement the health curriculum in accordance with section 60B of the Education Act.’

Previously there was an option for schools to exclude sex education components. However, as parents and caregivers, you have a right to withdraw your child from the parts of the health programme related to sexuality education.

‘The Sexuality Road – Discovering Me’ is a sexuality education programme designed for Year 5 - 8 primary school students. Each topic is built on through the four year programme to ensure that students cover issues relevant to them at an appropriate age.

It covers:

- changing bodies and feelings
- relationships
- communication and decision making
- reproduction
- support systems

We will have a parent session, led by a Family Planning representative, in Room 1 on Wednesday 17 October, Week 1 of Term 4, at 4pm. Information on the content of ‘The Sexuality Road’ resource will be available at this meeting.

If you do not wish your child to participate please notify Mrs Langton, our Principal, in writing as soon as possible. However, be aware that if a child asks a question at any time during the day, the teacher will answer it without removing your child.

Thank you

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