



5 Jan 2017

Ref No. HSC/2017/N006

Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: **Sexuality Education (SEd) Programme in 2017**

MOE's sexuality education programme is premised on the importance of the family and respect for the values and beliefs of the different ethnic and religious communities on sexuality issues. The aim is to help pupils make responsible values-based choices on matters involving sexuality.

Sexuality Education in schools is covered both in the formal curriculum and co-curricular programmes. The formal curriculum subjects in which topics on sexuality are incorporated include Science and Character and Citizenship Education (CCE).

MOE's Growing Years (GY) is the main co-curricular package. It is developmental in nature, spanning the upper primary to post-secondary (JC/CI) levels. It addresses the subject of human sexuality from a holistic perspective, involving the intellectual, emotional, social, physical and ethical aspects of sexuality. It is covered under four main themes: Human Development, Interpersonal Relationships, Sexual Health and Behaviour, and Society and Culture.

Hai Sing Catholic School, being a Catholic school, uses Franciscan values as the basis in the inculcation of positive values and attitudes towards sexuality, so that pupils develop a respect for themselves and others, in line with the national value of family as the basic unit of society.

Thus, the teaching of Sexuality Education is based on the given guiding principles set by the Ministry of Education, integrated with the teaching of values such as Integrity and Compassion and the Catholic ethos of Pro-life (which equates to that of respect for life).

You may log on to the school website: <http://www.haisingcatholic.moe.edu.sg/> under 'HAI Programmes/ Sexuality Education' for the information of the school's Sexuality Education programme for your reference. If you wish to opt your child/ward out of the programme or for individual topics, kindly complete the relevant opt out form(s) and return it/them by **12 Jan 2017** through your child's Form Teacher.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact our SEd Coordinator, Ms Rafidah, (Tel: 6582 7864) for further clarification.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Stanley Gng
HOD Character Development

Mr Daniel Ang
Principal





Annex A

Date: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent of (Child's name): _____

Principal of Hai Sing Catholic School

Dear Principal,

THE GROWING YEARS PROGRAMME FOR YEAR 2017

Acknowledgement of Letter – For all parents.

I acknowledge receipt of letter from the school regarding the school's sexuality education, *Growing Years* programme, that will be taught in 2017. I have read the information provided on the content coverage and delivery of the programme.

Parent's Acknowledgement: Name & Signature

Parent Opt-out Form

– Applicable only if parents wish to opt their child out of the Growing Years programme

1. I would like to withdraw my child, _____, of
 (full name of child)

_____ from the *Growing Years* programme for 2017.
 (class of child)

2. My reason(s) for my decision to opt my child out of the programme:

- Religious reasons
- My child is too young.
- I would like to personally educate my child on sexuality matters.
- I do not think it is important for my child to attend Sexuality Education lessons.
- I have previously taught my child the topics in the GY Programme for this year.
- I am not comfortable with the topics covered in the GY Programme for this year.
- Others: _____

3. Thank you.

Parent's Name & Signature

Contact No. (mobile)

Email address (optional)

