

Overview & session outline

Session 1: Where did I come from? (Years 3 & 4)

Objectives

- To help children aged 8-10 years gain an understanding of the structure and functions of the reproductive system in males and females.
- To provide information on conception (describing sexual intercourse, associated with love in the context of a caring relationship), foetal development and birth of a baby.
- To provide opportunities for parents and children to discuss various aspects of reproduction in an informal way.
- To reinforce the role of parents as a source of information on matters pertaining to sexuality and reproduction.

Content

- Introduction
- Family structure and family relationships
- Male/female babies – which is which?
- Protective behaviours
- Male/female reproductive systems
- Sexual intercourse & conception including assisted
- Foetal development
- Twin explanation
- Birth
- Conclusion

Session 2: Preparing for Puberty (Years 5 & 6) (Years 3 & 4 at parent's/guardian's discretion)

Objectives

- To provide information on puberty for 10-13 year olds, in relation to the physical changes and emotional changes (in particular, helping them feel comfortable about their bodies and its functions; preparing them for the changes during puberty and dispelling the myths and providing accurate, understandable information).
- To help young people feel okay about being different. Everyone develops at a different rate, especially during puberty.
- To confirm their individuality and promote self-esteem.
- To facilitate communication between parents and their children and encourage young people to take their questions, problems and concerns to their parents.

Content

- Introduction
- Revision of Session 1
- How, why and when of puberty
- Physical and emotional changes to both boys and girls
- Changes to boys only
- Changes to girls only
- Why are these changes happening?
- Conclusion

Cost: **\$32 (incl. GST) per family to attend one session**
 \$37 (incl. GST) per family to attend both sessions