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## **Parent Complaint Policy**

## Parent guide to raising a concern or complaint

We all expect quality and expert care and teaching for your child in order that they achieve their potential. Working together will give us the best chance of solving a problem that may arise during your child's years in primary school.

We also recognise that at times things may go wrong. If you have a concern or a complaint, we want you to let us know. It's important to learn from mistakes or misunderstandings so that we can improve your child's experience and learning, and also improve processes where possible.

The first step in working through a complaint is to talk to your child's teacher and then the Principal. In the unlikely event that the matter has not been addressed to your satisfaction, you can contact the Department for Education Complaint Unit: https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/department/about-department/contact-department/feedback-andcomplaints-about-school-or-preschool or call 1800 677 435.

## About complaints or concerns

This information may be helpful in explaining what a complaint is:

A complaint may be made by a parent if they think that the school has, for example:

- done something wrong
- failed to do something it should have done
- acted unfairly or impolitely

Your concern or complaint may be about:

- the type, level or quality of services
- · the behaviour and decisions of staff
- a policy, procedure or practice

Sometimes a complaint is about something we have to do because of State or Federal law. In such cases we are able to talk to you about the matter and help you understand the requirements and why they exist. Please feel free to make an appointment with the Principal to discuss any concerns you might have.

