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NAME OF POLICY	GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE POLICY
RATIONALE	This policy explains the correct procedure to follow if a grievance occurs. It applies to students, families and staff.
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RELATED POLICY	



## **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE POLICY**

Good relationships within the school community give children a greater chance of success. However; in the event of a grievance, the following guidelines may be used. For further detail refer to the Department's documents – "Consumer Complaints Management & Resolution" Policy and Procedure.

## Principles of our policy

- Everyone should be treated with respect.
- Meetings to discuss grievances will be suspended if any person(s) behaves in an insulting or offensive manner.

STUDENTS	PARENT(S)/CAREGIVER	STAFF
With a grievance could STEPS:-	with a grievance could STEPS:-	with a grievance could STEPS:-
Talk to the person involved	1. Arrange a time to speak to the	Arrange a time to speak to the
about the problem. The student can fill out a blue problem solving form and	relevant teacher(s) about the problem.	person concerned.  2. Allow reasonable time for the
have a member of leadership assist them with this process.	2. Please do not enter school classrooms or offices about a major grievance without prior	issue to be addressed.  3. If the grievance is not resolved, speak to -
2. If you feel uncomfortable	arrangement.	Your Principal, Line Manager or
about confronting the person, speak to an adult 'who you feel comfortable with', i.e. parents/caregiver,	3. Please do not speak to other children or parents/caregivers about grievances.	<ul><li>Counsellor.</li><li>A nominated grievance representative i.e.:</li><li>OHS Representative</li></ul>
a teacher, or S.S.O. at an appropriate time.	4. Let the teacher know what you consider to be the issue.	- Union Representative - PAC (where appropriate)- The issue
3. If you feel like the grievance has not been resolved, or the problem continues with the person,	<ul><li>5. Allow a reasonable timeframe for the issue to be addressed.</li><li>6. If the grievance is not resolved</li></ul>	should be in writing Personnel Counsellor (available through the department)
speak to a member of leadership.	arrange a time to speak with the Principal, Senior Leader and/or Counsellor.	Ask for their support in addressing the grievance by: - Speaking to the person
4. Leadership will provide you with strategies to handle the situation, speak to all people involved and will contact parent(s)/caregivers.	7. If you remain unhappy with the response from the school, please arrange a time to discuss the issue with the Regional Director.	involved on your behalf Monitoring the situation Investigating your concern Acting as a mediator
5. If issue is resolved, possibly speak to your parent(s)/caregivers and let them know about the situation.		4. If the issue is not resolved within a reasonable time arrange a time to speak to the Regional Director.
6. If Leadership deal with the problem, the class teachers ae notified of solutions.		

Note: Parent(s) with a grievance about a School Policy should:

- Arrange a meeting time with the Principal, Senior Leader or Counsellor to discuss your concern.
- Allow reasonable time frame for issue to be addressed.
- If you remain unhappy about the response, arrange a time to discuss the issue with the Regional Director.