Everyone has the right to learn and play in a safe, supportive environment. Learners have a greater chance of success when they are encouraged to openly discuss issues and are supported to resolve them.

In the event of a grievance, the following guidelines are in place at our site.

For further details refer to DECS documents: ‘Grievance Procedures for Employees’ or the ‘Grievance Resolution Policy’: www.decd.sa.gov.au

Principles of our policy:
- Confidentiality is of extreme importance
- Positive relationships are really important and are worth the investment of effort and time
- Everyone should be treated with respect and listened to openly
- Meetings about grievances will be suspended if any person(s) behave in an insulting or offensive manner.

STUDENTS with a grievance should:
- Talk to a buddy or someone on your network about the problem
- Talk to any staff member about the problem at an appropriate time
- Arrange a meeting with the principal to discuss issue
- Expect acknowledgement within 24 hours
- If issue is unresolved, speak to your parents/caregivers
- Expect that the issue will be addressed as quickly as possible within a reasonable time frame.

PARENTS/CAREGIVER with a grievance should:
- Arrange a time to speak to the relevant teacher/principal about the problem
- Please make prior arrangements before entering classrooms or offices about a major grievance
- Let the teacher/principal know what you consider to be the issue
- Expect acknowledgement within 24 hours
- Expect that the issue will be addressed as quickly as possible within a reasonable time frame
- If you feel the grievance has not been addressed, arrange a time to speak with the principal
- If you feel the issue is still unresolved, please arrange a time to discuss the issue with the Adelaide Hills Assistant Regional Director on (08) 8391 4705.

STAFF with a grievance should:
- Speak to the person concerned, within 24 hours
- Discuss with a buddy/seek out support
- If the grievance is not resolved, speak to:
  - the principal
  - Grievance Officer/Union Representative (2012- Tamara Sherriff)
  - PAC - Principal Advisory Committee (where appropriate)
- Ask their support in addressing the grievance by:
  - speaking to the person involved on your behalf
  - monitoring the situation
  - investigating your concern
  - acting as a mediator.
- Expect acknowledgement within 24 hours
- Expect that the issue will be addressed as quickly as possible
- If the issue is still unresolved within a reasonable time, arrange a time to speak to the Assistant Regional Director on (08) 8391 4705.