Good relationships within the school community provide the basis for a safe and supportive environment. At Mount Barker South Primary we aim to respect everyone, repair harm and restore relationships.

**BEST FRIENDS**

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We aim to:
Create a safe, caring, orderly and quality learning community

“Always within REACH”

At Mount Barker South we value

* R - Respect
* E - Excellence
* A - Acceptance
* C - Co-operation
* H - Honesty
Mt. Barker South Primary School provides a stimulating, caring, relevant and safe learning environment, which respects the rights of individuals through a partnership with the wider community, students and staff.

The school delivers a broad, relevant and balanced education, which enables students to achieve a level of excellence according to their individual skills and abilities so that they function as effective members of the immediate and global community.

We believe that students who contribute to the school community by striving to participate, achieve and behave well deserve to be recognised, acknowledged and encouraged.

Fortnightly assemblies focus on individual, group and whole school achievements. All teachers nominate students to be acknowledged for Confidence, Getting Along, Persistence, Organisation and Resilience.

In the event of a problem, please aim to go through the following steps.

STUDENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

1. Try to work it out on your own
   - Take time-out to cool down / think
   - Work out exactly what the issue is

2. If you feel safe talk calmly to the person with whom you have the complaint
   - Take a friend for support
   - Example “I feel……… and you need to stop”

3. Solve it with a teacher / interpreter
   - Tell them the problem
   - Decide with them what you will do and see if it works

4. Seek further help if the issue is unresolved
   - Go to the Counsellor, Deputy Principal or Principal
   - Restate what the issue is
   - The Counsellor, Deputy Principal or Principal, together with your parent or caregiver will decide what action is to be taken

FAMILY COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

1. If you have a complaint with a staff member
   - Contact the school to make a mutually convenient time to meet with the staff member
   - Phone: 8391 1197
   - Be fair, calm and honest

   If not resolved then:

2. Speak to the Counsellor, Deputy Principal or Principal by appointment
   - Contact the school to make a mutually convenient time to meet with a member of the Leadership Team
   - Phone: 8391 1197

   If not resolved then:

3. Speak to the Governing Council Chairperson / an advocate from the school Community by appointment
   - Contact the school to make a mutually convenient time to meet with the Chairperson / Advocate
   - Phone: 8391 1197

   If not resolved then:

4. Seek advice from the Regional Director at the Hills Regional Office
   - Contact the Regional Director
   - Phone: 8391 4705

   If not resolved then:

5. Seek advice from DECS in Adelaide
   - Contact Head Office
   - Phone: 8226 1527

These steps should be followed in order from 1-5 before proceeding to any other step. If resolved, stop.