At Marion Primary School we encourage positive behaviour and prevent bullying by:

- Supporting the development of social skills
- Teaching the Child Protection Curriculum.
- Building and encouraging students’ empathy, self-mastery and conflict resolution through ‘Play Is The Way’
- Promoting children’s learning and living our school values
  
  Harmony  Integrity  Courage

Support People and Agencies

Principal and Counsellor - available at the school.
Please contact on the school phone number.

Pastoral Care Worker available at the school.

The school can organise a referral to

- DECD Support Services
- Child, Adolescent and Mental Health Service - 8375 6000
- Families S.A. – 8226 7000

Marion Primary School
Malcolm Avenue
Marion SA 5043
Telephone: (08) 8277 2293
Email: dl.0993.info@schools.sa.edu.au
**What is Bullying?**

*Bullying* is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons.

Bullying can take many forms:

**Exclusion** - leaving someone out on purpose.

**Lies or Rumours** – spreading lies or mean stories about someone to make other students not like them.

**Verbal Abuse or Teasing** - Making fun of someone in a mean or hurtful way.

**Physical Abuse** - kicking, pushing or hurting someone.

**Threatening** - Verbal threats to make someone frightened.

**Cyber bullying** – sending threatening or abusive messages via email, SMS or via the internet.

**Why do People Bully?**

People bully because:

- they are afraid of being left out.
- it seems like fun or they are bored.
- they enjoy the power of frightening someone.
- they want to look tough or strong.
- they have seen it work for others.
- they are jealous of others.
- they want to be popular and admired.
- to get what they want.
- they want to seem like the leader.

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**What are the consequences for Bullying?**

Each individual case of bullying is dealt with individually and consequences are appropriate to the:

- severity
- frequency
- age of the students involved

Consequences may include:

- Counselling
- Reflection Room (behaviour plan developed)
- Office Time Out
- Suspension

See our school’s Code of Conduct for information about our behaviour management processes.

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**The Role of the Bystander**

If you see someone being bullied you are a bystander. Bystanders can either allow the bullying to continue by not reporting the problem or report the bullying and help to stop bullying in our school.

*Bullying is never O.K.!!!*

What to do if you see bullying or are being bullied:

**Tell someone**

- Report the bullying to a teacher on duty or classroom teacher or help the victim to report the bullying.
- If you don’t get the help that you need to stop the bullying tell another teacher or adult. Be persistent.
- Tell a trusted adult at home and ask them to help you report the bullying.

**Reporting Bullying**

Our students are encouraged to report bullying immediately to the classroom teacher or teacher on yard duty.

Students can also fill out a bullying report form and put it in the box at the front office for follow up.