

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



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Anti-Bullying



Department for Education and Child Development



DECD Phone (08) 8226 1000
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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.

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.

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.

Any serious behaviour breach may result in suspension from school.

Suspension:

- signals to the student the seriousness of the incident or incidents
- is followed by a re-entry meeting where plans are made for improved behaviour
- gives the school time to plan for improved support for the student
- involves the co-operation of the school and parents in planning for better choices

Parent Notification

Parents will be notified if we believe that their child has been involved in bullying behaviour.