

GUIDELINES FOR RAISING CONCERNS

Our primary goal is to create the best learning environment for the students of our College. We encourage open communication and prefer that you come to us to talk through any concerns rather than discussing them in the community.

1. Discuss the issue with the right person.

- If you have a general concern about the College or its programmes, discuss it with the person involved.
- If you have a particular concern about a staff member or a College activity, contact the person involved to discuss the matter privately. We ask that you make this direct approach as soon as possible. Be prepared to make a time to discuss your concern if the person involved is unable to talk with you straight away. Be open to listening to the other side of the story to avoid communication breakdowns.
- If you do not wish to approach the person involved, contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team or the Principal to discuss your concern. The Principal or Senior Leadership Team member may communicate with the person involved.
- If you have a concern about your own child or another student, contact the student's class teacher or Dean in the first instance. For concerns of a more sensitive nature, contact the Assistant Principal responsible for Pastoral Care.

❖ If your concern relates to another student, you must not approach that student directly.

- If you have a concern about another parent, caregiver, or member of the College community on a College related matter, raise this with the Principal.
- If the matter concerns the Principal and you have not first resolved it by discussion, contact the Board Chair.
- If the matter concerns a Board member, contact the Board Chair, or Deputy Chair if it concerns the Board Chair.

If you approach a Board member with your concerns you will be asked to follow the guidelines above, and the Board member will inform the Principal and Board Chair.

2. Work towards a resolution.

- In most cases, constructive discussion will resolve your concerns.

If you are unhappy with the outcome of your initial meeting, contact the Principal, a member of the Senior Leadership Team, or the Board Chair to discuss further resolution.

If this process does not resolve your concern, you can make a formal complaint.

❖ The College monitors, records, and responds appropriately to any concerns about a student's safety and welfare.

See our flowchart document for an overview of the Concerns and Complaints Process.