Parent Contact re issues at school and student behaviour

*We welcome parent contact about any concern you have about your child* at school and will always follow up your concerns.

You, as parents, can help us in the following ways please:

1. Do not label an incident as Bullying. Bullying means that a person or a group is repeatedly picking on someone else. Bullying can also be when there is a single *unprovoked* threat or attack made by a “stronger” person or group that clearly has an unfair advantage over a “weaker” person or group. *Two people arguing, being unfriendly or fighting with each other is not bullying.*

2. Encourage your child to report (truthfully) any problems they might have at school to a teacher.

3. Understand that we always seek to *give all children a fair hearing* and will always listen to “both sides of the story” and often also speak with witnesses, before deciding what to do. With respect, parents at home are usually only able to hear one side of a story from their child.

4. Please support our use of Restorative Justice because it is an effective way of improving student relationships and changing unfriendly behaviour, including bullying. RJ improves the future instead of focusing on the past.

We focus our student welfare and discipline on positive behaviour and relationships and have *four school rules and five values* that all our students are familiar with, have been discussed and taught about in class and are displayed around the school. I am sure that your child can tell you what our rules and values are and what they mean.