



# ELIZABETH GROVE SCHOOL

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## MOBILE PHONE AND DIGITAL DEVICE POLICY

### Rationale:

1. At Elizabeth Grove many students and their families have mobile phones and/ or digital device for communication. Some parents/caregivers ask that their child/ren bring a mobile phone to school for before and after school safety / security reasons.
2. The school cannot accept responsibility for loss theft or damage of any personal property belonging to students particularly mobile phones. Students are advised that if they bring a mobile phone or digital device onto the school grounds during the school day, they need to turn it off and have it kept in the office. Parent / student contact can be made directly through the school office on 82552108 in case of emergency.

Students unable to follow our mobile phone or digital device procedures may have

- Confiscation of the mobile phone or device. (Handed back to the parent/caregivers at the end of the day)
- Communication with parents/caregivers regarding mobile phone/ device use at school.
- A ban from bringing a mobile phone or digital device onto the school grounds.

### 2. Unacceptable Use

- a. The use of phones or devices to photograph, video, download or forward inappropriate, offensive or violent student incidents or other similar material is not allowed
- b. It is a criminal offence to use a mobile phone or digital device to menace, harass or offend another person. The school may involve the police should such an action occur
- c. Phones may be collected by the school and held for SAPOL inspection or evidence. If collected by SAPOL, SAPOL will determine its return

This policy will be reviewed on a biannual basis and as required due to changing technology

