MOBILE PHONE AND DIGITAL DEVICE POLICY

Rationale:

1. At Elizabeth Grove many students and their families have mobile phones and/or digital devices 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.