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**INQUIRY INTO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH  
DISABILITY IN NEW SOUTH WALES EDUCATIONAL  
SETTINGS**

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Our daughter was subjected last week to what happens when a policy has not been implemented properly or staff not trained to make decisions based with child welfare as what should be their priority. Our daughter who is currently in hospital, was at school, prior to the school bell in the playground checked her phone to see if my message to confirm with her the time within school class she would be collected that day to have a surgical procedure that place. The school had been sent an email about this. Without any consideration to why, no questioning, our daughter has been bailed up, yelled at and threatened with suspension for having her phone in her hand, and demanded to the deputy's office once the bell has gone. She went, attempted to say it was more medical reasons, the deputy dismissed this and made a comment along the lines of 'you may of been hoping to film a fight'. This to our daughter he had selected at the end of last year to receive a Mayors Award for her volunteer work coaching at the local rugby club. He could of just explained this, as the policy says, and point 1.3 says he has the right to decide if to send a official notice to suspend letter to us, he chose rather than have an compassion to our child medical condition to send the letter. We are upset, we feel our daughter has been let down and that this school which is known for its problems has failed her. I should add that her year advisor interrogated her friend in his roll call class about this situation, infront of their peers, telling them about what was unfolding and holding him almost in a guardian type role with her patronising talk down. She has breached 2.4,2.5,2.6 of this policy by doing this. I collected our daughter at 12:30, and was very upset, she had her medical procedure at 1:45, her body has not agreed with this and is now in hospital being observed. The nurses and doctor were shocked when we told them what had happened in the lead up to that appointment. And for our daughter she now feels uncomfortable, unsafe and not cared for by the people we trust each day to keep her safe. It's a very sad day when a school proves it has no empathy, and makes an example of a good child, for doing what we still believe was nothing wrong, based on the overreaction of one teacher who may not of read the policy himself, and this school being Irrawang are yet to explain to us why, as I have said I want it in writing, so I have a paper trail. This they still, 1 week on have not done. There has been no asking of where she is. If any school should be investigated, it is high school, although you may be opening a can of worms with cases like ours. The kids however deserve to be seen, heard and matter.