



# Richmond Primary School

## Nut Aware Policy

### Rationale

**To provide a safe learning environment** for all community members of Richmond Primary School.

**To raise awareness** regarding severe allergies. We have students in our school with a life-threatening food allergy – anaphylaxis to nuts. This medical condition causes a severe /even fatal reaction to specific foods. These reactions can be triggered by contact, ingestion or inhalation.

**Parents and caregivers are requested NOT to send food to school that contain nuts.**

This includes peanut paste, Nutella, muesli bars, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts. Our school lunch provider, Vilis, complies with the Nut Aware Policy.

**Students are encouraged NOT to share food.**

**Parents and caregivers are informed** via the newsletter at the commencement of each school year and as required throughout each year.

New families to the school community are informed via the Enrolment Information Package.

**Students are informed** via school staff/teachers and their families via school communication channels.

**Staff are made aware** of students and staff who have anaphylactic responses, including nut allergies. All staff participate in first aid training in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises and our front office staff are qualified in Senior First Aid and Anaphylaxis.

Students who have been identified by a doctor as having anaphylaxis as a result of a nut allergy are required to submit a Health Care Plan to the school. Clear instructions as per the health care plan are distributed to staff. Epipens are stored in our Sickbay clearly labelled with each child's name and checked regularly to ensure they have not expired. An additional Epipen is also stored in the Sickbay for emergency situations.

If staff notice students have brought food that contain nuts or nut products, the food is taken away and hands will be thoroughly washed. In these cases, individual parents and caregivers will be reminded of the importance of the Nut Aware policy, via communication channels i.e. phone, email, skool bag, newsletter etc.

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