

St Joseph's College

Nut Awareness Policy

Background:

St Joseph's College acknowledges that due to modern food processing practices it is impractical to eliminate nuts or nut products from an environment where there is food. Therefore, we are a nut 'aware' school. We have a number of students who have severe allergies to food products including peanuts and other nut products. We have a duty of care to ensure the safety of all children and minimise identified health risks.

Management:

- Parents and caregivers being requested NOT to send food to school that contain nuts. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as food containing nuts. This would particularly apply to special occasions during the school year when food is sent to school such as St Joseph's Day and House fundraising days;
- Parents consulting with the class teacher BEFORE sending food from home (eg birthday cakes) The class teacher will advise on specific allergies in the class;
- Staff supervising eating at lunch time;
- Students being encouraged NOT to share food;
- Students being encouraged to wash hands after eating;
- The school canteen complying with the Nut Awareness Policy;
- Staff training on anaphylaxis and first aid response to a reaction;
- In consultation with parents/caregivers, an ASCIA Action Plan completed by the child's medical practitioner be provided to the College;
- Teachers to ensure that an EpiPen and Emergency Action Plan are kept in an accessible location in classrooms for students identified at risk;
- Emergency Action Plans for all Kindergarten-Year Twelve students identified as being at risk;

Communication:

- Information put on the website and in the Newsletter;
- Information included in College Diaries;
- New families to the College community being informed via the Enrolment Information package;
- Students informed by class teachers;
- Posters displayed around the College.