



NUT ALLERGY AWARENESS POLICY*

Purpose:

- To provide a safe learning environment for all members of the Uraidla Primary School community.
- To raise the awareness of all members of the community regarding severe allergies.

Management

The Nut Aware policy will be managed by:

- All parents and caregivers being requested **NOT** to send food to school that contains nuts.
 - This includes peanuts, even though they are officially legumes.
 - This includes peanut paste, Nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts.
 - Note that many snack bars and muesli bars contain nuts.
 - Due to the difficulty of sourcing items that are guaranteed to be nut free, students may still bring food labelled 'may contain traces of nuts'.
- Students being encouraged NOT to share food.
- Students being encouraged to wash hands after eating.
- Staff participating in accredited training in dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.
- Students with nut allergies will be taught by their families to be proactive in looking after their own health, for example not sharing others' food and checking that foods offered to them do not contain nuts (eg tuck shop)
- This is especially important in the Junior Primary Unit, where young children are less able to manage their allergy.
- Maria's Kitchen and Tuck Shop lunch orders are consistent with the Nut Awareness Policy.

If students have brought food items containing nuts:

- Staff supervising eating at lunch time will ask students who have brought food containing nuts or nut products to eat that food away from any other students and to wash their hands before going to play.
- Staff will send home a reminder note or SeeSaw message to parents with reference to this Nut Aware policy when nuts are brought to school.

Promotion

The policy will be promoted by:

- Parents and caregivers being informed via the newsletter
- New families to the school community being informed via the Parent Handbook.
- Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities
- Students being informed via teachers, signs and the newsletter

* This school acknowledges that due to food processing practices it is impractical to eliminate nuts or nut products entirely from an environment where there is food. Thus Nut "Aware" School.