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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

### Medical Information

We have students in our Primary School who are allergic to **nuts** and a severe reaction can occur from them touching or consuming **nuts or nut products (we have been informed by a General Practitioner that 'nuts' refers to all nuts)**. If an allergic reaction occurs, prompt medical treatment is necessary to avoid serious consequences for the student. We have established policies (S1.25) to manage such situations and minimise the risk associated, in line with Australia's leading allergy body known as ASCIA (Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy).

*"Risk minimisation in schools may also include asking parents of classmates not to send nut spreads (e.g. peanut butter) on sandwiches if a class member in early primary years (Kindergarten to 7 years old) has peanut allergy. This is due to the higher risk of person-to-person contact in younger children."*

Similar to what is now in place in many schools, we request the following of our parents:

- that all parents of students **in all of our R-6 classes do not send any food containing NUTS or NUT PRODUCTS** to school (**e.g. Peanut butter, Nutella, Ferrero Rocher**)
- that all parents are also careful to **label all drink bottles and lunchboxes** with the **name of the student** for whom they are intended

(N.B. These expectations include food for class parties, sleepovers, excursions or camps.)

Further, to help negate the risk of possible transmission of nuts, each Primary classroom will have a pump container of hand sanitiser. We will be encouraging students to clean their hands regularly after eating times and discuss appropriate hygiene methods to minimise risks. If your child has an allergy to generic sanitisers, could you please supply your child with one suited to them.

The school appreciates that this could be inconvenient, but your cooperation is crucial. Please be aware this information is subject to change and is updated during the year as necessary.

Thank you for your support and understanding. For more information please visit:

<https://www.allergy.org.au/hp/anaphylaxis/fact-sheet-for-parents-anaphylaxis>. If parents would like to discuss these expectations please do not hesitate to contact our school nurse, Mrs Kiowa Logan [KiowaLogan@tyndale.sa.edu.au](mailto:KiowaLogan@tyndale.sa.edu.au).

Yours sincerely,



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