

# SURFSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## FOOD SHARING POLICY



### 1. Purpose:

The purpose of the Food Sharing Policy is to:

1. Support a school culture that consistently promotes nutritional food choices for students.
2. Ensure that students who suffer from any form of allergy, food intolerance or medical condition are only offered foods approved by their parents or guardians.
3. Ensure that our canteen, Snack Shack and Kitchen Garden programs are nut free, sesame free and seafood free.

### 2. Background

This policy:

1. Respects the right of all children to be included in special occasions.
2. Allows classroom teachers to practice and manage their duty of care for all students effectively and without complication.
3. Respects the rights of parents to determine what food their child receives.
4. Reflects the school's position, that lollies and chocolates are sometimes food, to be provided at parent's discretion to their own child.

### 3. Implementation

1. At Surfside Primary school we value the celebration of children's birthdays and special occasions in our classrooms. Parents may choose to send non-food treats for these occasions. (This includes lollies, cakes, chocolates etc.) Alternative acceptable options include: Bubbles, stickers, balloons, cards or other non-food items.
2. Class teachers will teach children not to share food from lunchboxes the canteen or Snack Shack.
3. Teachers will seek permission via Compass from parents before involving students in any cooking/food activities to ensure these activities are safe and inclusive of everyone in the class.
4. Teachers or staff will not share lollies as rewards or treats with children.

#### 5. Please note:

Should your child suffer any food allergies or intolerances, we request the school is notified in writing and provided with a copy of any management plan that may be required.

Further information on the management of allergies will be contained in our Allergies Management policy.

### 4. Review and communication.

- This policy will be shared to all parents, teachers, and students to ensure the whole school community is aware of the school's position.

**This Surfside Primary School Policy is to be reviewed annually by School Council and staff.**