

Highgate School Nut and Allergy Awareness Policy*



Purpose

- To provide a safe learning environment for all students at Highgate School, including those with severe food allergies
- To raise awareness regarding of all members of the school community regarding allergies

Implementation of the Nut and Allergy Awareness Policy

To implement the policy:

- Parents/Caregivers are requested not to send food to school that includes nuts. This includes peanut paste, Nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanuts.
- Some classes may also have students with other severe allergies. Students in these classes may be requested to avoid bringing other foods to school e.g. egg
- Parents/caregivers of a student with allergies will ensure that the school has a signed medical plan from the child's doctor, and all relevant medication.
- Staff will be made aware of students and staff who have anaphylactic responses, including nut allergies
- Staff will supervise eating at lunchtime
- Students are encouraged not to share food
- Staff will participate in first aid training
- Parents/caregivers are requested not to send boxes for crafts that have previously contained nut products
- The school canteen will comply with the Nut and Allergy Awareness Policy
- Students will be educated (appropriate to their age) in the importance of being Allergy Aware

Promotion

The policy will be promoted by:

- Parent/caregivers being informed via the school newsletter
- New families to the school will be informed via the Enrolment Information Package
- Staff will be informed and provided with training opportunities
- Students will be informed by teachers

For more information on nut allergies you may wish to visit this website.

<http://www.allergyfacts.org.au>

** Highgate 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. Therefore our aim is to be a Nut "Aware" School, not a Nut "Free" School.*