

## NUT AWARENESS

### Policy Number: N100-18 (R2020)

Department for Education schools and preschools are required to provide learning environments that are safe and supportive of all students. This includes providing for the needs of students and staff who may have anaphylactic (severe allergic) conditions – including nut allergies. For these individuals exposure to allergens at school and preschool may constitute a serious risk to their health and wellbeing.

While it is not possible to guarantee that the school and preschool environment will be completely free of potential hazards, risks can be minimised by compliance with reasonable guidelines.

The school has two EpiPens on site, one in the preschool (0.15mg) and one in the first aid room (0.30mg) located in the administration building. These EpiPens are to be used in an emergency. Children and young people who are at high risk of anaphylaxis, and who have been prescribed an adrenaline auto injector, need to notify the school and provide an Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) action plan.

### Purpose:

To raise awareness of anaphylactic conditions for all members of the school community. To provide a safe environment for all members of the school community.

### Parents/Caregivers

- Are requested NOT to send food to Preschool that contains any nuts or nut products. This includes products such as peanut paste, Nutella and muesli bars.
- Will be informed of this policy at the commencement of each new school year and reminders via newsletter and at enrolment.
- Will provide a care plan from the doctor if their child has a serious allergy.

### Students

- Being encouraged not to share food, eating utensils or containers, and to practice appropriate hand-washing and food hygiene behaviours
- Who inadvertently bring food containing traces of nuts or nut products will not be allowed to eat that food and will be provided with an alternative. A reminder note will be sent home to parents.

### Staff

- Will be made aware of students who have anaphylactic responses, including nut allergy
- Will supervise students during lunch eating time and will be vigilant in regard to this policy
- Will participate in training every two years to understand procedures related to anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.

### Implementation and Review

- Governing Council in conjunction with school staff are to review the policy on an annual basis unless advised by the Department to review/amend immediately
- Students to be informed of nut awareness safety behaviours as part of their health and nutrition curriculum
- All parents and caregivers informed of policy through enrolment process, school website, school newsletter and signage