

# HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OUR STAFF AND FAMILIES

As we have many families new at our School and there was some important information missing from our Parent Handbook, it is timely to remind all parents/guardians of our

#### ALLERGY AWARE STATUS.

We have students enrolled, who have **severe nut and egg allergies**. These students **CANNOT** be exposed to nuts in any form, and eggs in the forms of boiled eggs or egg sandwiches and quiches as this will trigger an anaphylactic reaction – that is a reaction requiring an immediate injection of adrenalin via an EpiPen, an ambulance being called and then hospitalisation.

This has very serious consequences for our School and it is in these students' best interests we have in place a 'NO SHARING FOOD OR DRINK' policy and have banned ALL NUTS AND FOOD CONTAINING NUTS and many containing EGGS.

#### No child is to bring the following foods to school:

- Peanut butter sandwiches or dips or crackers.
- Nutella sandwiches or dips.
- Biscuits or cakes with nuts in them.
- Muesli bars with nuts in them.
- Chocolates containing nuts e.g. Snickers
- Dried fruit and nut mixes.
- Boiled Eggs
- Egg Sandwiches
- Quiches

If someone in our School eats these products and then touches play equipment, the equipment may become contaminated with enough peanut residue to trigger a severe reaction in some children. Even trace amounts can cause a life-threatening situation for susceptible children. While we recognise that there are many cooked and baked products containing eggs we are asking parents to adhere to not sending the products listed above.

We also ask that students who have peanut butter or Nutella for breakfast on school days to please wash their hands and brush their teeth thoroughly before coming to school. Peanut vapours or smell may trigger an anaphylactic reaction. Our paramount concern is for the safety and well-being of all students at Holy Rosary Catholic School. To keep these students safe and well at school, we ask that you comply with the decision to ban all nuts and nut products and the Egg products listed above. Detailed information is available on the Anaphylaxis Australia website:

[www.allergyfacts.org.au](http://www.allergyfacts.org.au)

We know that you will continue to support us in this decision and will do everything you can to make the students' school life safe and happy at Holy Rosary Catholic School.

Members of staff are also asked not to bring nuts or food containing nuts to school.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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