



# NAROOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Catering for children with Food Allergies Policy

### Rationale

At Narooma PS, we aim to provide all children the same opportunities. With this in mind, the school has devised a standard which we will use to ensure all children are safe as well as including them in activities such as cake stalls, class parties etc.

Narooma PS like many schools has children enrolled with allergies to food products. Some children at our school can have potentially a fatal reaction if they digest any food containing peanuts or nut products.

Our school has devised these procedures to ensure the safety of all children. We will review and monitor these procedures on a regular basis.

### Procedure

As part of this process, we have procedures for when parents bring food up to school for special occasions such as class parties and birthdays. Please ensure the following:

1. All food brought to school needs to be done with prior teacher approval. This means liaising with the class teacher before the event takes place. E.g. birthday cake for a child;
2. All staff will instruct parents that we need to ensure that food made at home **DOES NOT** contain any nut products;
3. If food is purchased, the ingredients have been checked and clearly displayed so we can ensure the continued safety of all children;
4. Teachers will be aware of children with potential allergies and will be closely monitoring any event to ensure procedures are adhered to.

**IF ANY OF THE ABOVE HAS NOT OCCURRED, THE EVENT CANNOT TAKE PLACE!**

Any school function such as a cake stall or class parties will have the following paragraphs included in the notes that will be sent home:

*If you are making or purchasing food items for this event, can you please ensure that **NO NUT PRODUCTS** are evident in the ingredients! Please bring in the packaging if purchasing a commercial product.*

*Also, if you know or suspect your child might have a reaction to eating any food at this event, you may wish to provide your child with their own special treats during this event and educate your child against eating such products.*

*It is important to bring to your child's class teacher's attention if you suspect or know they have a food allergy.*

It is crucial that we follow these procedures to the letter to ensure the safety and well being of all children at Narooma PS. If in doubt about any aspect of this policy, please liaise with the Principal or an executive member before the event takes place.