



CANNING VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Peanut and Nut Products Policy

Policy Statement

At Canning Vale Primary School all parents and the canteen will be asked to avoid peanuts and the use of nut based spreads in the provision of snacks and lunches for children attending this campus.

Rationale

Allergy occurs when a person's immune system reacts to substances (i.e. allergens) in the environment that do not bother most people. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life-threatening. It is sometimes called "allergic shock" and occurs after exposure to an allergen (e.g. peanuts and nut products) to which the child is already extremely sensitive. Anaphylaxis affects the entire body. *Anaphylaxis must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment.*

While the students themselves are aware of their allergies and can avoid the products when they're obvious, the whole school community needs to be made aware of the danger presented by peanuts and nut products.

Policy Details

The Canning Vale Campus is a "Nut Aware" site.

The management of Health Care is a role for a Deputy Principal in consultation with the Executive Team.

Each child with an allergy will have a health care plan that is developed in consultation with the child's parents / carers and medical practitioner. Staff members are then informed of these plans.

The *No Nut Man* logo will be displayed around the school.

Annually each teacher will raise parent awareness about our policy through teacher/parent communication.

Information will be posted onto the school's webpage.

All staff will be trained to effectively use an EpiPen.

All staff will be thoughtful of the ingredients they use in birthday cakes, class party foods, foods in craft, cooking and science activities.

The significance of this policy will be brought to the attention of all staff at induction.

Special consideration will be made for parents and students who speak English as a second language.

Endorsed by the Canning Vale Primary School Board, May 2013