



ST ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

ST ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC COLLEGE IS AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OUR COLLEGE STAFF AND FAMILIES

ALLERGY AWARE STATUS

We have students enrolled, who have **severe nut allergies**. These students **CANNOT** be exposed to nuts in any form, 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 College 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.

No one 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 eg Snickers**
- **Dried fruit and nut mixes.**

If someone in our College eats peanuts 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.

We also ask that anyone entering the College including students and staff who have food with nuts 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 St Aloysius Catholic College. To keep these students safe and well at school, we ask that you comply with the decision to ban all nuts and nut products. Detailed information is available on the Anaphylaxis Australia website:

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 St Aloysius Catholic College.