GILLES STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL
FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS GUIDELINES

Context These guidelines have been created in an attempt to reduce the potential risk for members of our community who may suffer from food allergies. The school acknowledges that due to food processing practices it is impractical to eliminate nuts or nuts products entirely from an environment where there is food. Thus we are a “Food Allergy Aware” School. At various times a class teacher may ask their class to be more specific due to the needs of a child in the class.

Purpose:
- To assist in providing a safe learning environment for all members of the Gilles Street Primary School Community.
- To raise the awareness of all members of the community regarding allergies.

Management
- Staff, parents and caregivers are requested to be aware of the food they send to school that contain nuts (especially peanuts).
- Food and Nutrition education will be taught that incorporates education about food allergy and any practical activities that are planned it will be assumed that some participants may have a food related allergy.
- Food should not be supplied to children with anaphylaxis unless pre-arranged and agreed with the family.
- Food preparation will follow standard precautions to avoid cross contamination.
- Planning camps and excursions will take into account food supply services, including discussing the full menu with families.
- Risk assessments will be conducted if any fundraising activities involve food.
- Food is not given as a reward/treat.
- Students are to be seated when eating at all times.
- Staff are to supervise eating at lunch time.
- Students will be encouraged NOT to share food unless a shared lunch has been arrange and parents are informed.
- Students will be instructed to wash hands before and after eating.
- Students bringing food that contains nuts or nut products may be asked to eat away from any other students and to wash their hands before going to play.
- School staff will participate in training, involving understanding and dealing with anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.
- Class teachers will inform their students of these guidelines.

The guidelines will be promoted by:
- Parents and caregivers being informed via the newsletter and website
- New families to the school community being informed via the Enrolment Information Package and website.
- Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities and the guidelines will be placed in the staff information package.
- Students being informed via teachers, signs and the newsletter.