

ALLERGY AWARE POLICY

School: Paradise Primary School
Approved By: Governing Council
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1. Purpose

To provide a safe learning environment by minimising the risk of allergen exposure and supporting students and community members with allergies and anaphylaxis.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all students, staff, visitors and volunteers across all school environments and activities, including classrooms, excursions, camps and events involving food.

3. Context

The school recognises that severe allergies, including anaphylaxis, may be life-threatening. While allergens cannot be completely eliminated, the school adopts reasonable risk-minimisation strategies. Additional class requirements may be implemented to support individual student health needs, and families are expected to support these adjustments.

4. Legislative Context

This policy aligns with:

- Education and Children's Services Act 2019 (SA)
 - Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)
 - Duty of Care obligations
 - Department for Education allergy and anaphylaxis guidelines
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5. Policy Statement

Paradise Primary School is an **allergy-aware school**. The community works collaboratively to reduce allergen risks through awareness, safe food practices, supervision and staff training.

6. Procedures

Food Management

- Students with severe allergies should consume food prepared at home where possible.
- Families must check the suitability of externally purchased food.
- Lunchboxes and drink bottles should be clearly labelled.
- Families are asked to be mindful of foods containing common allergens (e.g. nuts, eggs, fava beans).

Eating Practices

- Students remain seated while eating under staff supervision.
- Food sharing is not permitted unless pre-approved.
- Students wash or sanitise hands before and after eating.
- Where required, students with allergen foods may eat in supervised alternative areas.

Food Provided by School

- Food is not provided to students with anaphylaxis unless pre-arranged with families.
- Food is not used as rewards or treats unless planned with allergy considerations.
- Food preparation follows practices that minimise cross-contamination.

Curriculum and Activities

- Food-related learning incorporates allergy awareness.
- Camps, excursions and fundraising activities involving food require risk assessment and family consultation.

Staff Responsibilities

Staff will:

- complete allergy and anaphylaxis training as required;
- supervise eating times;
- follow individual health care and risk management plans;
- reinforce allergy-aware practices with students.

Family Responsibilities

Families will:

- Provide an up-to-date Health Support Agreement, along with official medical documentation outlining any diagnosed allergies.

- Supply the school with in-date medication and an approved management plan relevant to the student's medical needs.
 - Email health plans and documentation to the school where possible to support accurate record-keeping.
 - Receive an email receipt from the school when medication is supplied or when hard copies of plans and documentation are provided.
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7. Communication

Guidelines are communicated through enrolment processes, school media, staff induction and classroom instruction.

8. Monitoring and Review

The Principal or delegate monitors implementation. The policy will be reviewed every three years or as required.

9. Related Documents

- Student Health Support Procedures
- First Aid Policy
- Excursion Policy