Casey Fields
Primary School
Chapelton Road, Cranbourne East 3977

PEANUT AWARENESS POLICY

PURPOSE

To explain to Casey Fields Primary School parents, carers, staff and students the processes and procedures in place to support students diagnosed as suffering from a peanut allergy or anaphylactic. This policy also ensures that Casey Fields Primary School is compliant with Ministerial Order 706 and the Department's guidelines for anaphylaxis management.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- all staff, including casual relief staff and volunteers
- all students who have been diagnosed with allergies, anaphylaxis, or who may require emergency treatment for a reaction, and their parents and carers.

POLICY

At Casey Fields Primary School we have a number of students who are allergic to nuts, and might experience a serious anaphylactic reaction if exposed. Therefore as a school we ask that parents and carers do not send nuts or nut based products to school, including the following;

- peanut butter
- nut spread (including Nutella)
- walnuts
- pistachios
- cashews
- Muesli bars with nuts

This does not guarantee no nuts/nut products will be on site however we encourage no nuts.

We appreciate your support as this can be a life-threatening condition.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- School Policy and Advisory Guide:
  - Anaphylaxis
  - Anaphylaxis management in schools
  - Allergies
- Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia: Risk minimisation strategies
- ASCIA Guidelines: Schooling and childcare
- Royal Children's Hospital: Allergy and immunology

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

The principal will complete the Department's Annual Risk Management Checklist for anaphylaxis management to assist with the evaluation and review of this policy and the support provided to students at risk of anaphylaxis.

Policy last reviewed	September 2024
Consultation	School Nurse and CFPS Staff
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	September 2026