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## THE PATCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### FOOD

#### Rationale:

- Students eat regularly throughout the school day, but to ensure the safety of students and the cleanliness of the school grounds, eating needs to be managed appropriately.

#### Aims:

- To ensure that eating food at our school is safe, and that the school's grounds are not littered.

#### Implementation:

- Students at our school typically bring (or purchase from The Patch Store lunch order) food for morning tea, and for lunch.
- In addition, students are able to eat brain food and drink water during classes.
- Due to issues relating to anaphylaxis, allergies, diabetes etc, students are not to swap food with others, and are not to be provided with food from the school that parents have not supplied or approved.
- Parents are discouraged from providing nuts or nut products to their children for any reason, due to the serious risk nuts pose for students with nut allergies.
- Students are not permitted to eat during PE classes, are not permitted to use chewing gums, and are not allowed to eat non-brain foods during class times, unless approved by teachers due to sensory issues.
- Students are to eat morning tea and lunch in the classroom during designated eating times.
- Students are not permitted to wander around the school eating food at recess or lunch times.
- If for any reason, students do not finish eating their food in the classroom, they are required to finish eating in a designated outside quiet area, supervised by their classroom teacher, or take the food home.
- Rubbish bins will be placed in each classroom and in the designated outside quiet area.
- Students wandering the school and eating food will be managed in a manner consistent with the school's Code of Conduct.
- The Patch Store lunch order list will only sell foods consistent with the school's healthy foods policy.
- The school curriculum will include the benefits of healthy foods, exercise and a healthy lifestyle.
- All school activities, excursions and camps etc will involve detailed information to parents regarding the food menu.

#### Evaluation:

- This policy was originally formed, and will be reviewed in consultation with all members of the wider community (all staff, parents, students, and interested members of the community) as part of the school's five - year review cycle.

**Principal**



**School Council President**

