



BLACKALL RANGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to set out the policies and procedures in relation to the consumption of food at Blackall Range Independent School (B.R.I.S.).

Scope

The policy covers all personnel at the school. It covers junk food, sharing of individual's food and vegetarian policy.

Responsibility *Principal or appointed staff delegate*

Point of Contact *Principal or appointed staff delegate*

DEFINITIONS

What is Junk Food: At B.R.I.S. food that contains chocolate, high concentrations of MSG or salt and high concentrations of sugar is considered junk food

POLICY

At B.R.I.S. we have a population who hold diverse beliefs and habits regarding consumption of food. A fundamental foundation of the school being tolerance for differences in others, we seek to endorse practices which will result in the least incidence of offence being caused for those who attend.

Vegetarianism

It is the policy of the school not to supply students at the school with any consumables which would violate vegetarian practice. In this way the least number of members of the community will be excluded from joint meals etc.

In general this does not extend necessarily to vegan practice although this may be reconsidered if the incidence of vegan families in the school warranted it.

Sharing Food

Out of respect for the different beliefs held by people at the school around food, students are required to eat their own food brought from home and not share food with their peers. In this way the school can be reasonably assured that no families practices are violated as well as ensuring that students with food allergies and intolerances consume foods that are safe for them.

Junk Food

The school prides itself in being a sustainable school. This philosophy encompasses encouraging healthy practises in the students. Abstinence from junk food during school hours is part of this philosophy. Certain snack foods such as organic liquorice and carob are excluded from the definition of junk food above.

POLICY RELEASE DETAILS

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