



COOMERA  
ANGLICAN  
COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Guardians

I write this letter as a reminder to you that there are several students at Coomera Anglican College who have serious food or insect bite allergies and suffer from anaphylaxis. These students can become very sick very quickly if they are either bitten by an insect or are exposed to peanuts/nuts through ingestion or through touch.

It is important that we work together in creating a safe environment for all students. This involves our students bringing "nut free" lunches, morning teas and snacks to the College.

Avoiding giving your child peanut butter or cereal containing nuts is important. Ensuring that your child has a drink and washes their hands following eating will also go a long way in ensuring the safety of those who suffer from anaphylaxis.

Anaphylaxis is different from an allergy. It is the body's immune response to an allergy and fortunately is not very common. However, children who do suffer from severe anaphylaxis can die within minutes without treatment to reverse the reaction.

The College has processes and systems in place for the safety of students who are anaphylactic or suffer from other severe medical conditions. We ask all parents to make themselves aware of these processes and systems and to take every care to adhere to them. The health and safety of our students depends on all of us.

If you have any questions, please contact our College Nurse, Rosemary Brown on 5585 9954. If your child is anaphylactic, please call Rosemary to discuss individual care.

Yours sincerely

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**HEAD OF PRIMARY**