

A birthday is a very special and exciting day for all of us. It is a time to celebrate our uniqueness as a gift from God with our family and friends. As a College, we want to continue recognising our students' special day while being sensitive to student allergies and financial hardships.

### **AIM**

To ensure that student birthday celebrations are conducted in such a way as to protect the safety and wellbeing of all students as well as to ensure that celebrations do not conflict or interfere with the College's teaching and learning programs.

### **GUIDELINES**

- Birthday party celebrations take place outside of school hours and birthday cakes/treats will not be permitted for sharing at the College.
- A number of students have severe allergies to various food products and as such cakes and/or other edible treats supplied by parents/carers will not be distributed by College staff. It is increasingly difficult to verify the ingredients in every food product that is brought to the College.
- Birthday party invitations must be distributed by parents/carers outside of school hours. College staff are not responsible for distributing birthday party invitations.
- Parents and carers will be informed of this practice through annual reminders. A copy of these guidelines will be shared at the commencement of each school year.
- For one-off events such as Mission Markets, House celebrations etc, at which cakes and slices may be available for students to purchase, parents/carers will be notified in advance should they wish to supply alternative healthy snacks for their child/ren.

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