

Birthday cakes at school

School Policy Document

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We acknowledge and value the celebration of a child's birthday and a parent supplying a cake to share with classmates to mark the occasion. However we encourage parents to be mindful of:

- 1. Our school policy and that of Education Queensland to actively support and encourage smart and healthy choices for foods and drinks;
- 2. Some students may have behavioural reactions or severe allergic reactions to some foods (for example: high sugar, high colour & preservative, nuts);
- 3. Some of our students and their families choose not to celebrate birthdays for religious or cultural reasons

TIPS

- Check with your child's teacher BEFORE organizing your cake
- Individual cupcakes are easier to manage at school and are a great alternative to a larger cake that requires slicing. We don't keep knives in classrooms.
- Consider icy-poles or similar depending upon the season
- Keep it simple and provide for every student