

Canteen Committee Update – Term 2, 2023

The canteen continues to operate successfully at Manly West.

A couple of concerns were discussed at the AGM in June:

1. Kids without lunches

If a child comes to the canteen saying they have no lunch, they are to be sent to the office. Office staff will find out what the story is and call the parents to ask for permission to give lunch and explain an IOU will be sent home. If the student has lunch but just doesn't like it, parents will not be called, and the student will not be given something from the canteen.

If the IOU's build up, canteen staff will liaise with the office to contact parents.

2. Demand for hot hash brown daily from parents and students

It has been requested that Hash Browns, be made available to order on Flexischools everyday rather than just 2 days a week. Hash Browns are an 'occasional food item', not an 'everyday food'. As such they can't be offered every day. There is also limited oven space in the canteen and on days (typically Thursdays and Fridays) when the volume of hot lunch orders increases, there is no oven space for additional hot foods, additionally, sourcing potatoes has been a challenge.

As a result, Hash Browns will currently only be available 2 days a week.

Moving forward the Committee will continue to work with the Canteen staff to promote more parent and carer volunteers, deal with any issues the canteen may encounter and look to work closely with the Environment committee on making our canteen more environmentally friendly.