



## **OUR LADY OF MERCY SECONDARY SCHOOL**

### **School Statement on the rollout of a nut-safe zone**

The Board of Management has a duty of care to take all reasonable steps to keep students, staff and members of the wider school community safe at school. A growing number of members of our school community have identified chronic allergies, including some with severe allergies to certain foods (in particular nuts). Towards the end of the 2021-2022 academic year, staff underwent situational awareness training with a parent whose child has a severe nut allergy. Following this training, all staff agreed that OLM should become a nut safe zone. The Board states its intent to work with staff, parents and students in developing a Nut Safe and Allergy Awareness Policy in 2022-2023. Until that policy is in place, we ask that all staff, students, and parents adopt a common-sense approach to keeping nuts and food containing nut products out of our school community insofar as is possible. This is hugely important as it could save someone's life.