

PICK&MIX

FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX
SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!



Developed in conjunction with the Healthy Together Achievement Program to support a whole-school approach to healthy eating. Healthy Together Victoria is improving the health of Victorians, funded by the Victorian Government.

1
FRUIT

- FRESH FRUIT**
- Apple
 - Banana
 - Mandarin
 - Orange quarters
 - Passionfruit halves (with spoon)
 - Watermelon, honeydew, rockmelon chunks
 - Pineapple chunks
 - Grapes
 - Plums
 - Nectarines, peaches, Apricots
 - Strawberries
 - Cherries
 - Kiwifruit halves (with spoon)
 - Pear

- MIXED FRUIT**
- Fruit salad
 - Fruit kebabs

- DRIED FRUIT**
- Dried fruit, nut, popcorn mixes*

- TINNED FRUIT/SNACK PACKS/CUPS**
- In natural juice (not syrup)



2
VEGETABLES

- FRESH CRUNCHY VEGIES**
- Corn cobs
 - Carrot sticks
 - Capsicum sticks
 - Green beans
 - Cucumber sticks
 - Celery sticks
 - Snow peas
 - Tomatoes (e.g. cherry and Roma tomatoes)
 - Mushroom pieces

Can serve with either:

- Hummus
- Tomato salsa
- Tatziki
- Beetroot dip
- Natural yoghurt

SALADS

- Coleslaw and potato salad (reduced fat dressing)
- Mexican bean, tomato, lettuce and cheese salad
- Pesto pasta salad*

BAKED ITEMS

- Grilled or roasted vegetables
- Wholemeal vegetable muffins or scones
- Vegetable slice (with grated zucchini and carrot)
- Popcorn

SOUP (in small thermos)

- Pumpkin soup
- Potato and leek soup
- Chicken and corn soup

3
MILK, YOGHURT AND CHEESE

- Milk
- Calcium-enriched soy and other plant-based milks
- Yoghurt (frozen overnight)
- Custard

Tip:

- Freeze the night before to keep cool during the day

- Cheese cubes, sticks or slices
- Cottage or ricotta cheese
- Cream cheese
- Tatziki dip

Can serve with either:

- Fruit
- Wholegrain cereal, low in sugar
- Vegetable sticks
- Rice and corn cakes
- Wholegrain wheat crackers

4
MEAT OR MEAT ALTERNATIVE

- Tinned tuna or salmon in springwater
- Lean roast or grilled meats (e.g. beef, chicken, kangaroo)
- Falafel balls
- Lean meat or chicken patties
- Tinned tuna or salmon patties
- Lentil patties
- Lean deli meats (e.g. ham, silverside, chicken)
- Boiled eggs
- Baked beans (canned)
- Tofu cubes
- Hummus dip
- Lean meat or chicken kebab sticks
- Peanut butter*

Can serve with:

- Wholegrain sandwich, roll, pita or wrap bread with salad
- Rice and corn cakes
- Wholegrain wheat crackers
- Side salad

Can serve with either:

- Vegetable frittata
- Skinless chicken drumsticks
- Savoury muffins or scones (e.g. lean ham, cheese and shallots)
- Homemade pizzas with lean roast or deli meats and vegetables

Can serve with:

- Side salad
- Steamed or roasted vegetables

5
GRAIN AND CEREAL FOOD

- MAINS**
- Wraps
 - Sandwiches
 - Rolls
 - Toasted sandwiches

Tip:

- Use breads such as wholemeal, multigrain, rye, sourdough, pita, flat, corn, mountain, lavash, white fibre-enticed, soy and linseed, herb, naan, bagels, foccacias, fruit bread and English muffins.

- Pasta dishes
- Rice, quinoa or cous cous dishes
- Noodle dishes
- Sushi

SAVORY BAKED ITEMS

- Homemade pizzas
- Wholemeal savoury muffins or scones (e.g. ham, cheese and corn muffins)
- Vegetable based muffins
- Pasta or noodle bake

SWEET BAKED ITEMS

- Fruit loaf
- Wholemeal fruit based muffins

SNACKS

- High fibre, low sugar cereal (e.g. muesli)
- English muffins
- Crackers
- Crisps/cakes
- Rice cakes
- Corn thins
- Wholemeal scones
- Pikelets
- Crumpets
- Hot cross buns (no icing)

6
WATER

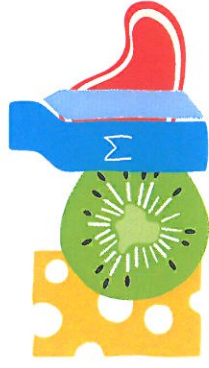
- Take a water bottle (for refilling throughout the day)

Tip:

- Freeze overnight to keep foods cool in lunchboxes

Sweet and savoury snack foods (e.g. muesli/fruit/nut bars, biscuits, crisps, cakes, muffins, slices) should be limited in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake if consumed in large amounts.

Sugar sweetened drinks and confectionery should not be provided in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake and tooth decay.



*Check your school's policy regarding the use of nuts and products containing nuts.