

HOW TO EAT

A simple guide to
nutritious eating

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OVER 20KG GONE NEVER TO RETURN



"I had pretty much submitted to the idea of living the rest of my life with my weight in the triple figures and energy from caffeine. Through this no B.S. approach to diet, I get to keep my favourites and food has now become an easy to follow activity rather than a time sucking chore. It is something I take daily actions on rather than procrastinating. Dale has provided a program that addressed my time needs and delivered results above what I had expected."

—Tash



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This is an example of meal templates as per the recommendation of primary research*. Please consult a GP or doctor regarding directions for your health.

The intention of these meal plans is to set expectations around eating guidelines per the Australian Government daily recommended intake and primary research for active and training individuals. While results may occur, independent results may vary.

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7 Day Meal Plan Overview

Meals	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Breakfast	<p>Mocha Smoothie Protein powder 2 x Scoops Cottage Cheese Lowfat 1 1/2 Hand Sized</p> <p>Milk 1/4 x Cup</p>	<p>Poached Eggs with Smashed Avocado & Tomato Whole Egg 3 x Eggs Egg White 3 x Eggs Avocado 1/4 x Avo Wholegrain bread 2 x Slices Cherry tomatoes 1 x Cup</p>	<p>Peanut Butter Overnight Oats Greek yoghurt 1 1/2 x Cup 1 1/2 Hand Sized Peanut Butter 1 x Tablespoon Milk 1/4 x Cup Oats 1/4 x Cup</p>	<p>Peanut Butter Overnight Oats Greek yoghurt 1 1/2 x Cup 3 x Eggs Peanut Butter 1 x Tablespoon Milk 1/4 x Cup Oats 1/4 x Cup</p>	<p>Poached Eggs with Smashed Avocado & Tomato Whole Egg 3 x Eggs Egg White 1 1/2 Hand Sized Avocado 1/2 x Avo Wholegrain bread 2 x Slices Cherry tomatoes 1 x Cup</p>	<p>Mocha Smoothie Protein powder 2 x Scoops Cottage Cheese Lowfat 1 1/2 Hand Sized</p> <p>Milk 1/4 x Cup</p>	<p>Poached Eggs with Smashed Avocado & Tomato Whole Egg 3 x Eggs Egg White 1 1/2 Hand Sized Avocado 1/4 x Avo Wholegrain bread 2 x Slices Cherry tomatoes 1 x Cup</p>
Snack (optional)							
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Dinner	Healthy One Dish Steak & Chips Beef steak 2 x Scoops 1 1/2 Hand Sized Olive oil Potatoes 1/4 x Cup Cherry tomatoes Baby spinach leaves	Rosemary Marinated Chicken Drumsticks with Broccoli Chicken drumstick 3 x Eggs 3 x Eggs Almonds 1/4 x Avo Brown rice 2 x Slices Broccoli 1 x Cup Red onion	Warm Lamb Salad Lamb steak 1 1/2 x Cup 1 1/2 Hand Sized Olive oil 1 x Tablespoon Avocado Potatoes 1/4 x Cup 1/4 x Cup	Rosemary Marinated Chicken Drumsticks with Broccoli Chicken drumstick 1 1/2 x Cup 3 x Eggs Almonds 1 x Tablespoon Brown rice 1/4 x Cup 1/4 x Cup Broccoli Red onion	Warm Lamb Salad Lamb steak 3 x Eggs 1 1/2 Hand Sized Olive oil 1/2 x Avo Avocado Potatoes 2 x Slices 1 x Cup	Healthy One Dish Steak & Chips Beef steak 2 x Scoops 1 1/2 Hand Sized Olive oil Potatoes 1/4 x Cup Cherry tomatoes Baby spinach leaves	Healthy One Dish Steak & Chips Beef steak 3 x Eggs 1 1/2 Hand Sized Olive oil 1/4 x Avo Potatoes 2 x Slices Cherry tomatoes 1 x Cup Baby spinach leaves

**The amounts outlined on each specific day are macro balanced to that day. Careful when interchanging the meals for each day as you may end up in a calorie surplus.

Snack Guide - Pick 1

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Berries



A piece of Fruit



Protein Bar



Cheese



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Crackers



Protein Powder Shake



Small Palm of nuts



Mocha Smoothie

Ingredients	Grams / mL's	Amount
Protein powder	75.6	2 x Scoops
Cottage Cheese Lowfat	159.5	3/4 x Cup
Milk	77.4	1/4 x Cup



Additional Ingredients
 1 pitted date
 2 tsp cocoa powder
 1 tsp instant coffee
 1/4 tsp cinnamon
 1/2 cup ice cubes

Instructions
 Combine all ingredients in a blender and whizz until smooth.

Chicken Salad Wrap

Ingredients	Grams / mL's	Amount
Chicken breast	190.5	1 1/2 Hand Sized
Avocado		
Wholegrain wrap	72.8	2 x Wraps
Tomatoes	70.0	1 x Small
Cucumber	39.5	1/4 x Cup
Mixed salad leaves	26.0	3/4 x Cup



<p>Additional Ingredients 2 tbs tzatziki</p>	<p>Instructions 1 Spread the two wraps with tzatziki and avocado, top with chicken, tomato, cucumber and salad leaves. 2 Season with salt and pepper, roll up and secure with cling wrap or baking paper until ready to serve.</p>
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Easy Asian Noodle Soup

Ingredients	Grams / mL's	Amount
Pork fillets	189.5	c
Rice Noodles (dry)	43.7	1/2 x Cup
Asparagus	47.9	2 x Spears
Bok Choy	26.0	3/4 x Cup
Spring onions	26.0	1/4 x Cup



<p>Additional Ingredients</p> <p>3 cups vegetable stock</p> <p>1 lemongrass stalk</p> <p>2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced</p> <p>2 spring onions, sliced</p> <p>1 lime, juiced</p> <p>1 tbs tamari (or soy sauce)</p> <p>3 tbs white miso paste, dissolved in 2 tbs boiling water</p> <p>1 small red chilli, sliced</p> <p>2 tbs fresh coriander, chopped</p> <p>3 tbs fried shallots</p>	<p>Instructions</p> <p>1 Prepare noodles as per packet instructions.</p> <p>2 In a saucepan, combine stock, lemongrass, garlic and spring onions and bring to a gentle simmer. Add bok choy and return to the boil.</p> <p>3 Add prawns and asparagus and cook for a few minutes, or until the prawns are just cooked (they will turn orange), then stir through lime juice, tamari and miso.</p> <p>4 Divide noodles between two soup bowls, add soup and top with chilli, coriander and shallots to serve.</p>
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Healthy One Dish Steak & Chips

Ingredients	Grams / mL's	Amount
Beef steak	177.7	Hand Sized
Olive oil	15.2	1/2 Tablespoon
Potatoes	214.0	1 x Cup
Cherry tomatoes	139.9	3/4 x Cup
Baby spinach leaves	52.0	1 x Cup



<p>Additional Ingredients 1 rosemary sprig (or other fresh herbs, such as oregano or thyme) 1 tbs pine nuts, toasted 2 tsp English mustard</p>	<p>Instructions 1 Preheat oven to 200°C. Rub steak with a small amount of oil and season with salt and pepper. 2 Heat a small stove-top-proof baking dish on the stove over a very high heat, then add meat. Sear for a couple of minutes on both sides until brown and set aside on a plate. 3 Cut potatoes into thin wedges or chips (so they cook quicker), place in baking dish and toss with remaining oil and rosemary. Bake for 20 minutes, tossing once or twice. 4 Add steak and tomatoes to the pan, pushing chips to the sides and cook for a further 10 minutes. 5 Remove steak to rest for a few minutes, return baking dish with chips and tomatoes to the oven and turn oven off to keep warm. 6 Thinly slice steak (it should be medium-rare) and serve with rocket and tomato, squeezing two tomatoes over for a dressing. Scatter over pine nuts and serve with chips and mustard.</p>
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Poached Eggs with Smashed Avocado & Tomato

Ingredients	Grams / mL's	Amount
Whole Egg	157.0	3 x Eggs
Egg White	181.4	3 x Eggs
Avocado	48.3	1/4 x Avo
Wholegrain bread	87.8	2 x Slices
Cherry tomatoes	278.9	1 x Cup



Additional Ingredients
 1 tsp white vinegar
 1 lemon wedge
 salt & pepper, to serve

Instructions
 1 Bring a small saucepan of water and vinegar to the boil, then reduce to a very gentle simmer. Crack one egg into a cup or small bowl and add to simmering water VERY slowly and gently. Repeat with other egg. Cook for a few minutes or until cooked to your liking, spooning water over the top of eggs to cook through.
 2 Remove eggs with a slotted spoon and drain any extra water on a clean tea towel or paper towel.
 3 Toast bread, spread with avocado and squeeze over lemon.
 4 Pop eggs on toast and top with tomato. Season with salt and pepper to serve.

Tuna Lunch Bowl

Ingredients	Grams / mL's	Amount
Eggs	157.0	3 x Eggs
Tuna canned, oiled, drained	68.0	1 x Small Tin
Avocado	48.3	1/4 x Avo
Brown rice	154.3	3/4 x Cup
Tomatoes	139.4	1 x Large
Cucumber	78.8	1/2 x Cup



<p>Additional Ingredients</p> <p>1/2 lemon</p> <p>20g rocket</p> <p>salt & pepper, to taste</p> <p>1/4 tsp chilli flakes</p>	<p>Instructions</p> <p>1 Place eggs in a saucepan of cold water and bring to a rolling boil. Continue to simmer for 5 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon and place in a sink of cold water to cool. Peel and cut in half.</p> <p>2 Without tossing, add rocket, rice, tuna, avocado, tomatoes and cucumber to bowl and drizzle with lemon juice. Top with egg, season with salt and pepper and scatter over chilli to serve.</p>
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Asian Pork & Greens

Ingredients	Grams / mL's	Amount
Pork fillets	172.2	Hand Sized
Cashews	16.2	1 x Tablespoon
Mushrooms	139.4	3/4 x Cup
Bok Choy	51.8	1 x Cup



Additional Ingredients
1 1/2 tbs sesame oil
2 tbs tamari (or soy sauce)
1 1/2 tbs lemon juice
1/4 tsp chilli flakes

Instructions

- 1 Preheat oven to 180°C. Rub pork with 2 tsp of sesame oil and combine remaining oil with tamari, lemon juice, chilli flakes and garlic and set aside. Roast cashews in oven for 5-8 minutes, or until golden, and set aside to cool.
- 2 Sear pork in hot frypan for a few minutes, browning all over. Brush pork liberally with some of the sauce and bake for 10 minutes, then cover and allow to rest in a warm place for 5 minutes before slicing.
- 3 Meanwhile, add mushrooms to hot frypan and cook for a minute. Add bok choy, cover and cook for another minute, or until greens just begin to wilt.
- 4 Remove vegetables, add remaining sauce to frypan and simmer for a few minutes to reduce and thicken, while you slice the pork.
- 5 Divide vegetables between two plates, top with pork, drizzle with sauce and sprinkle with sesame seeds and chopped cashews.

Rosemary Marinated Chicken Drumsticks with Broccoli

Ingredients	Grams / mL's	Amount
Chicken drumstick	137.5	1 x Drumstick
Almonds	14.0	1 x Tablespoon
Brown rice	154.3	3/4 x Cup
Broccoli	90.6	1 x Cup
Red onion	40.3	1/4 x Cup



Additional Ingredients
 1 1/2 cups chicken stock
 4 large chicken drumsticks
 2 tsp chopped rosemary
 1 clove garlic, crushed
 salt & pepper, to taste

Instructions
 1 Preheat oven to 240°C and line a baking tray with baking paper.
 2 Place rice and stock in a large saucepan and bring to the boil. Reduce to a simmer, cover and cook for 35 minutes. Add broccoli to top of rice in last few minutes of cooking. Remove from heat and stand, covered for 5 minutes.
 3 Meanwhile, toss chicken with rosemary, onion and garlic and season with salt and pepper. Roast for 25 minutes, add almonds and cook for another 5 minutes or until golden and cooked.
 4 Serve chicken with broccoli and rice.

Peanut Butter Overnight Oats

Ingredients	Grams / mL's	Amount
Greek yoghurt	396.0	1 1/2 x Cup
Peanut Butter	22.2	1 x Tablespoon
Milk	34.4	1/4 x Cup
Oats	24.4	1/4 x Cup



Additional Ingredients
1 tbs honey
2 tsp vanilla extract
1 banana, peeled & sliced

Instructions
1 Combine milk, yoghurt, peanut butter, honey and vanilla in a bowl.
2 Add oats and mix well, cover and refrigerate overnight.
3 Serve chilled or warmed in microwave, topped with sliced banana.

Chicken Salad Wrap

Ingredients	Grams / mL's	Amount
Chicken breast	190.5	1 1/2 Hand Sized
Avocado	22.2	1 x Tablespoon
Wholegrain wrap	64.7	2 x Wraps
Tomatoes	62.2	1 x Small
Cucumber	35.2	1/4 x Cup
Mixed salad leaves	23.1	3/4 x Cup



Additional Ingredients
2 tbs tzatziki

Instructions

- 1 Spread the two wraps with tzatziki and avocado, top with chicken, tomato, cucumber and salad leaves.
- 2 Season with salt and pepper, roll up and secure with cling wrap or baking paper until ready to serve.

Salmon & Avocado Lettuce Wraps

Ingredients	Grams / mL's	Amount
Atlantic Salmon Wild	200.3	1 1/2 Hand Sized
Avocado	75.4	1/2 x Avo
Lettuce	92.4	1 x Cup



Additional Ingredients
 2 tsp roughly chopped dill leaves

 1 lemon, cut in wedges

 1 1/2 tbs olive oil

 1 1/2 tbs vinegar

 2 tsp dijon mustard

Instructions
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Warm Lamb Salad

Ingredients	Grams / mL's	Amount
Lamb steak	193.4	1 1/2 Hand Sized
Olive oil	5.5	1/2 Tablespoon
Avocado	37.7	1/4 x Avo
Potatoes	190.3	1 x Cup



Additional Ingredients
 1/4 cup pitted green olives
 1 cups (1 bunch) watercress sprigs
 50g basil pesto

Instructions
 1 Preheat a barbecue or char-grill plate on medium-high heat. Using a meat mallet, lightly pound lamb to flatten slightly then brush lightly with 1 tablespoon oil.
 2 Cook lamb for 1-2 minutes each side or until cooked to your liking. Season to taste with salt and pepper, set aside.
 3 Slice potatoes and place in a large bowl together with avocado, olives, watercress, pesto and remaining oil. Season to taste. Using your hands, mix gently to combine. Divide lamb and potato mixture among plates. Serve.

Shopping List

Almonds	31.8	Egg White	544.2	Rice Noodles (dry)	128.3
Asparagus	140.5	Eggs	314.0	Spring onions	76.3
Atlantic Salmon Wild	400.5	Greek yoghurt	792.0	Tomatoes	607.8
Avocado	832.0	Lamb steak	386.8	Tuna canned, oiled, drained	136.0
Baby spinach leaves	155.1	Lettuce	194.9	Whole Egg	471.0
Beef steak	533.0	Milk	225.4	Wholegrain bread	258.3
Bok Choy	177.4	Mixed salad leaves	125.4	Wholegrain wrap	351.1
Broccoli	175.7	Oats	50.1		
Brown rice	598.0	Olive oil	50.9	Wholegrain wrap	245.8
Cherry tomatoes	1238.3	Peanut Butter	40.2		
Chicken breast	952.7	Potatoes	1032.6		
Chicken drumstick	275.0	Prawns	568.4		
Cottage Cheese Lowfat	319.1	Protein powder	151.1		
Cucumber	343.5	Red onion	78.1		

