Do Schools need to comply?

Yes, if your school uses a canteen.

Conditions of compliance:

All food premises, including schools, must demonstrate that food is safe to eat in accordance with the Food Act 2001 (SA).

If you have to comply, what do you have to do?

If you are running a school canteen you must notify your Local Council that you are operating a canteen. The Council will then inspect your premises and may do so at any time.

What are the consequences if you don’t comply?

You may be in breach of the Food Act 2001 (SA) and penalties could be imposed or your canteen could be closed pending improvement.

Useful links:

- DECD - Food Safety Rules
- DECD - Health Eating Guidelines for Schools and Preschools
- Food Standards Australia New Zealand
- SA Health - Food Safety Rating Scheme

Also view your Local Council website, or contact your Local Council.