Pronto chicken and vegetable pesto pasta



Lunch or dinner is sorted with this quick and easy meal! Pasta for energy, protein and fibre-rich and vegetables to keep you full this dish will leave you satiated.

YC) Serves: 4	Cook times: 20 mins
Prep times: 10 mins	Difficulty: Easy

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp pine nuts
- 250 g dried penne pasta
- Olive oil spray
- 1 onion, peeled and chopped
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 500 g chicken, diced
- 120 g mushrooms, chopped
- 1 capsicum, seeded and diced
- ¹/₂ tsp chilli flakes
- ¹/₂ cup fresh basil leaves, chopped
- ½ cup low fat parmesan cheese, grated
- Ground black pepper, to taste

Method

- 1. Preheat oven to 180°C
- 2. Spread pine nuts over a baking tray. Bake for 3 to 4 minutes or until golden.
- 3. Meanwhile, cook pasta in a saucepan of boiling water until tender. Drain pasta and set aside.
- 4. Heat pan to medium heat and spray with oil. Add onions and garlic and cook until onion is soft.
- 5. Add chicken, mushroom, diced capsicum and chilli flakes. Cook, stirring occasionally until chicken is cooked through and vegetables are soft.
- 6. Add basil and toss to coat chicken.
- 7. Divide pasta between bowls and spoon chicken mixture on top.
- 8. Sprinkle with pine nuts and low fat parmesan cheese. Season with pepper. Serve immediately.

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