



Anaphylaxis POLICY

Rationale:

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is life threatening and therefore must be regarded as a MEDICAL EMERGENCY requiring immediate and rapid response.

Purpose:

- To provide a safe and supportive environment for students at risk of anaphylaxis.
- To raise awareness about anaphylaxis and the schools anaphylaxis policy within the school community.
- To engage with parents / carers of students at risk of anaphylaxis in assessing risks and developing risk minimisation and management strategies for students.
- To ensure that all staff have an in depth knowledge about allergies, anaphylaxis and the school's policy and procedures in responding to an anaphylactic reaction.

Implementation:

Actively seek information to identify students with severe life threatening allergies at enrolment.

The principal will ensure that each student has an Anaphylaxis Management Plan in place. This must be before commencing their first day at school. This plan will be reviewed annually, if the student's condition changes or immediately after an anaphylactic reaction at school.

Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plans will detail:

- Information about the student's diagnosis, including the type of allergy or allergies.
- Strategies to minimise the risk of exposure to the allergens whilst the student is under the care or supervision of school staff, for in-school and out of school settings, including all camps, incursions and excursions.
- The person(s) responsible for implementing the strategies.
- Information on where the student's medication is stored and the student's emergency contact details.
- Emergency procedures plan (ASCIA Action Plan), provided by the parent and signed by a medical practitioner.
- If parents/guardians choose to order canteen items for their child, they must order online through the 'Munch Monitor' program. They must also inform the canteen manager of all 'banned food items' by following the relevant steps on the online 'Munch Monitor' program (www.munchmonitors.com).

Any child with an Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan in relation to food allergies are not permitted to purchase any canteen items through window sales.

The school nurse will ensure that student contact details, medication, ASCIA action plans and Anaphylaxis Management Plans are up-to-date. Contact will be made with parents to discuss individual Anaphylaxis Management Plans.

All staff must ensure that they fully understand their responsibilities for the risk minimisation strategies identified in the individual anaphylaxis management plan of students under their care.

"Food Sharing" policy to be enforced across all year levels, as well as educating students about food allergies, anaphylaxis and the importance of good hygiene.

The school's welfare coordinators will inform volunteers and casual relief staff of students at risk of anaphylaxis and their role in responding to an allergic reaction.

The Principal will ensure that all staff be briefed at least twice a year (the first being at the beginning of the school year) by a staff member who has up to date anaphylaxis management training, on:

- The school's anaphylaxis policy.
- The causes, symptoms and treatment of anaphylaxis.
- The identities of students diagnosed at risk of anaphylaxis.
- How to use an adrenaline auto-injecting device.
- The school's first aid and emergency response procedures.

All permanent staff must have up to date qualifications in an anaphylaxis management training course. All staff must be able to identify all students at risk of anaphylaxis and protect them from risks that are reasonably foreseeable. The school's first aid procedures and the student's emergency procedures plan must be followed in responding to an anaphylactic reaction.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the school's review cycle.