



POLICY : ANAPHYLAXIS

BASIC BELIEFS:

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening therefore it is important for staff to be aware of anaphylaxis, its symptoms and triggers and, most importantly, the management of anaphylaxis in the school environment.

PRINCIPLES:

- To provide education following the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) in the management of Anaphylaxis guidelines and the use of an EpiPen.
- To provide professional development that will facilitate the implementation of health education.
- To engender non-discriminatory attitudes and practices.

GUIDELINES:

- An Anaphylaxis Management Plan for the student will be developed in consultation with the student's parents/carers and medical practitioner. These will be reviewed annually or earlier if required.
- Strong communication between the school and parents of students with allergies will be promoted.
- Annual training and updates will be provided for school staff in recognising and responding appropriately to an anaphylactic reaction including competent administration of an EpiPen.
- At the commencement of every year all EpiPen Plan forms will be updated by parents, the First Aid Coordinator and class teacher.

- EpiPens will be provided by parents.
- EpiPens and individual management plans are to be kept together.
- EpiPens and Management Plans will be kept in the General Office in a clearly labelled container.
- The First Aid Coordinator is responsible for informing parents when EpiPens need replacing.

BASIS OF DISCRETION:

PERIOD OF REVIEW:

- Annually