

FIRST AID

ANAPHYLAXIS

1. Purpose:

- To administer emergency treatment and life support for students with an allergy to nuts, dairy products, eggs, insect bites etc.
- To provide resources and training to cater for the administering of first aid.
- To encourage preventative measures to minimise emergencies and promote safety.

2. Guidelines:

- 2.1 Staff to be provided with instructions of first aid and the use of the Epipen in the treatment of Anaphylaxis.
- 2.2 Epipens to be the responsibility of the student's teacher when on school camps and excursions.
- 2.3 Epipen to be clearly labelled and kept in the first aid cupboard.
- 2.4 Students are not to bring food to share with other students.
- 2.5 Canteen and OHSP will not provide peanut butter sandwiches or other nut products.
- 2.6 Medication administration plan to be completed annually by GP or specialist.
- 2.7 Action Plan to be displayed
- 2.8 Monthly reminders to be placed in the newsletter.

3. Implementation

3.1 If a student with known anaphylaxis complains of:

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| • Difficulty breathing | • Pale and floppy |
| • Swelling of tongue | • Flushing |
| • Tightness in throat | • Itching |
| • Difficulty talking | • Diarrhoea |
| • Persistent cough | • Vomiting |
| • Collapse | |

Teacher should- follow attached procedure i.e.

- ❖ **Ensure epipen is not out of date**
- ❖ **Administer epipen**
- ❖ **Alert Principal and or Vice Principal**
- ❖ **Office to contact ambulance, parents**
- ❖ **Teacher relocates students if in classroom**

3.2 School to remind parents to complete a yearly plan

3.3 Parents will supply a copy of the doctor's report stating allergies.

3.4 An up to date plan to be displayed in the first aide room, staffroom, canteen, art and classrooms.

3.5 Information is kept on an epipen register.

3.6 Students to be reminded by teachers to avoid products which cause the allergies.

3.7 All staff will receive training from a qualified anaphylaxis trainer.

3.8 Epipen should be stored away from light and in a position under 15degrees C.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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