

ST EUPHEMIA COLLEGE

K-12



ANAPHYLAXIS

POLICY

2014

Policy Statement

St Euphemia provides relevant, inclusive, supportive educational programs. In delivering these programs, all staff members have a responsibility to provide a varied and balanced program that reflects the individual needs of students in a safe and supportive environment for both students and their families.

St Euphemia College is committed to working with families in managing the school environment in order to provide a safe place for students who are anaphylactic.

Management of anaphylaxis involves strict avoidance of allergens. There needs to be a major emphasis on prevention by avoiding the possibility that the student could come into contact with the allergen(s).

2. Applicability

St Euphemia recognises that it is important that our School provides support to assist the parent and caregivers in the management of their children's health. This Policy relates to all staff, students, parents, caregivers, volunteers and contractors.

3. Context/Rationale

It is important to:

- establish a partnership between parent or caregivers and the School to share information and clarify expectations
- ensure a safe and healthy environment for the students attending St Euphemia College
- ensure that staff take appropriate action to prevent contact with known allergens/triggers for students with anaphylaxis
- ensure that all staff members have appropriate and safe procedures and management strategies in place to manage an anaphylactic reaction should one occur.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

Responsibility of the Principal/Delegated Authority

The Principal/Delegated Authority is expected to:

- oversee the planning and implementation of procedures and support to protect the health and safety of students at risk of anaphylaxis when they are at school or involved in School activities
- develop individual health care plans that take into account the needs of students
- review the adequacy of the response of the School if a student has an anaphylactic reaction and make appropriate amendments.

Responsibilities of Staff

All staff members are expected to:

- be familiar with information provided in student health care plans
- be aware of and implement the emergency plan if a anaphylactic reaction is suspected
- participate in inservice training about students with life threatening allergies including demonstration on how to use the Epipen

- determine suitable protocols regarding the management of food in the classroom (particularly in high risk subjects) in collaboration with the Principal/Delegated Authority
- communicate protocol to the students in the class
- reinforce appropriate classroom hygiene practices to ensure a clean working environment
- notify parents or caregivers promptly if an anaphylactic incident occurs (Administration Staff)

Responsibility of Parents and Caregivers

Parents and Caregivers are expected to:

- notify the School if their children have allergies or are at risk of an anaphylactic reaction
- provide support to the School by sharing information and clarifying expectations.

Responsibility of the Canteen staff

Canteen staff are expected to:

- ensure that all suppliers and caterers are aware of the School Anaphylaxis Policy
- ensure that food supplies are nut free
- be aware of students and staff who have severe food allergies.

Note: Food stuff that may contain nuts are not permitted in the canteen.

Responsibility of the Students at Risk of Anaphylactic Reactions

These Students are expected to:

- develop a relationship with the School to assist in identifying issues and managing food allergies
- take responsibility for avoiding food allergens, including informing staff of their allergy at time of potential risk
- learn to recognise personal symptoms
- develop greater independence to keep themselves safe from anaphylactic reactions.

Responsibility of Other Students

The Students are expected to:

- help keep students at risk of anaphylactic reactions safe by providing appropriate support
- not encourage students at risk of anaphylactic reactions to eat inappropriate foods
- not to share food or drink items with other students.

5. Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Requirements

St Euphemia College will gather information from parents or caregivers about allergies. This information will be reviewed on an on going basis.

The College also arranges anaphylaxis training for all staff.

6. Policy Review

This Policy will be reviewed as necessary.