

The school will ensure that risk minimisation and prevention strategies are in place for all relevant in-school and out-of-school settings, which include (but are not limited to) the following:

- during classroom activities (including specialist and option classes);
- between classes and other breaks;
- in the kitchen area;
- during recess and lunchtimes;
- before and after school; and
- special events including incursions, cultural days, class parties, excursions and camps.

1 Within the school

1.1. Classrooms

1. Copy of the student's Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan to kept in the student's classroom.
2. Classroom teachers will be aware of the student(s) at risk of anaphylaxis and will implement their individual action plan if an incident occurs.
3. Educate the children about anaphylaxis and the appropriate safety behaviours that children can practise.
4. Liaison with parents about food-related activities ahead of time
5. As a general rule there will be no food sharing between children
6. Use non-food treats where possible, but if food treats are used it is recommended that the parent provide a treat box
7. Never give food from outside sources to a student(s) who is at risk of anaphylaxis
8. Treats from other students in class should not contain the substances to which the student(s) is allergic
9. Products labelled "may contain traces of nuts" should not be served to students allergic to nuts. Products labelled "may contain milk or egg" should not be served to students with milk or egg allergy.

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10. Awareness of possible hidden allergens in food and other substances used in cooking, science and art classes
11. Ensure all cooking utensils, preparation dishes, plates and knives/forks etc. are washed and cleaned thoroughly after preparation of food and cooking
12. Regular discussions with students about the importance of washing hands, eating their own food and not sharing food
13. The Principal or nominated person should inform relief teachers, specialist teachers and volunteers of the names of any students at risk of anaphylaxis, the location of each student's Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan and EpiPen, the School's Anaphylaxis Policy and each person's responsibility in managing an incident

1.2. Kitchen area

1. Kitchen volunteers to be trained in food allergen management and its implications on food handling practices
2. Kitchen volunteers are briefed about students at risk of anaphylaxis
3. Display the student's name and photo in the kitchen area as a reminder to volunteers
4. Products labelled 'may contain traces of nuts' should not be served to students allergic to nuts without prior parental approval
5. Tables and surfaces are wiped down regularly
6. No sharing of food approach is adopted
7. Awareness of contamination of other foods when preparing, handling or displaying food

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1.3. School Grounds

1. Sufficient supervision of a student who is at risk of anaphylaxis by a staff member who is trained in the administration of EpiPens
2. EpiPens and Individual Anaphylaxis Plans are easily accessible from the school grounds
3. A communication plan is in place for Staff on Staff Duty so medical information can be retrieved quickly and all staff are aware how to inform the Principal if an anaphylactic reaction occurs during recess or lunch time.
4. Staff on duty can identify those student's at risk of anaphylaxis
5. Students with anaphylactic responses to insects are encouraged to stay away from water or flowering plants
6. Students with anaphylactic responses to bees are not to go near the bee hives. A risk minimisation plan is to be developed for those students involved in the Beekeeping course (may involve not participating in certain aspects of the course).
7. Students are to keep drinks and food covered while outdoors
8. Staff who are anaphylactic have their medical plan visible in the First Aid Room and their EpiPen is either on them or in the room they are working

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1.4. Special Events (ie. Sleepover, celebratory nights, etc)

1. Parents /guardians to complete the Confidential Medical Information for School Excursions form
2. Sufficient staff who have been trained in the administration of an EpiPen are supervising students
3. Avoid using food in activities or games
4. Consult parents in advance for special events to either develop an alternative food menu or request the parent to send a meal for the student at risk
5. Parents of other students should be informed in advance about foods that may cause allergic reactions in students at risk and request that they avoid providing students with treats/food whilst they are at a special school event ie.School BBQ's, final performance night party, graduation night
6. Party balloons are not to be used if a student has an allergy to latex

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2 Out-of-school settings

2.1. Excursions/Camps

1. Parents/guardians to complete the Confidential Medical Information for School Excursions form
2. Risk Assessment for each individual student attending
3. Staff trained in administering an EpiPen are to attend
4. Appropriate methods of communication must be discussed
5. Identify the location of the EpiPen ie. Who will carry it, how will it be delivered to the student
6. Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plans and EpiPens are to be easily accessible and staff must be aware of their location
7. Risk assessment of the excursion/camp/tour must be completed prior to departure
8. The principal should consult parents of anaphylactic students in advance to discuss issues that might arise, develop an alternative food menu or request the parent provide the meals (if required)
9. Review the Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan prior to departure to ensure that it is up to date and relevant to the particular excursion/camp

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2.2. Camps or Remote Settings

1. Parents/guardians to complete the Confidential Medical Information for School Excursions form
2. Village School attempts to only use provider/operator services who can provide food that is safe for anaphylactic students
3. Conduct a risk assessment and develop a risk management strategy for students (in consultation with parents and camp operators) at risk of anaphylaxis.
4. The Principal should consult with parents of students at risk to ensure appropriate risk minimisation strategies are in place. Parents will be fully informed of the relevant considerations, such as:
 - the remoteness of the camp (distance to the nearest hospital)
 - mobile telephone coverage (in some locations, coverage is not reliable)
5. The School will consider alternative means of providing food for at risk students if there are concerns about whether food provided on camp will be safe for students at risk of anaphylaxis. If required, the parent may be requested to provide the meals.
6. The use of substances containing allergens should be avoided where possible
7. The Student's EpiPen and action plan must be taken on camp and a mobile phone. If there is no mobile phone access eg. Satellite phone will be considered.
8. EpiPens should remain close to the student and staff must be aware of its location at all times
9. Students with anaphylactic responses to insects should wear closed shoes and long-sleeved garments when outdoors and are encouraged to stay away from water and flowering plants
10. General use EpiPens are included in the camp first aid kits
11. Consider exposure to allergens when consuming food during travel on bus etc and whilst in cabins/tents/dormitories/ etc. Request parents not to provide treats/food for students to consume on camp (unless requested by the school)
12. Cooking and art and craft games should not involve the use of known allergens

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3 Location of Action Management Plans and EpiPens

Location	EpiPen Location	Student's Action Plan
Office Building	First Aid Room	First Aid Room
Classroom	With the classroom teacher, First Aid Room	With the classroom teacher, First Aid room
Kitchen	First Aid Room, with the student	Kitchen, First Aid Room
Hall	With the student, First Aid Room	First Aid Room, Classroom
Other Classrooms	With the student, First Aid Room	First Aid Room, Child's own classroom
Sport outside	First Aid Room, Classroom	First Aid Room, Classroom

The following information is available at the office and on the internal school drive, which is accessible to all school staff: a complete and up to date list of students identified as having a medical condition that relates to allergy and the potential for anaphylactic reaction; and the information contained in Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plans (original plans located in the First Aid room). It is the responsibility of the Teacher-In-Charge of the camp or excursion to ensure that all relevant medical information, medicines and equipment are available and that all supervisors and staff members are familiar with those students at risk of anaphylaxis.

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4 School Management and Emergency Response

The school's first aid procedures and the student's emergency procedure plan (ASCIA Action Plan) will be followed in responding to an anaphylactic reaction.

If an EpiPen is administered, the School must:

Immediately call an ambulance 000. Remain in contact with emergency services at all times.

Record the time of injection – VERY IMPORTANT

Lay the students flat and elevate their legs. Do not stand or walk. If breathing is difficult for them, allow to sit but do not stand.

Reassure the student experiencing the reaction as they are likely to be feeling anxious and frightened as a result of the reaction and the side-effects of the adrenaline. Watch the student closely in case of a worsening condition. Ask another staff member to move other students away and reassure them elsewhere.

In the rare situation where there is no marked improvement and severe symptoms are present, a second injection may be administered after five minutes, if a second EpiPen is available

Notify the Principal of the incident, so that they or the office staff may contact the student's emergency contacts.

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5 EpiPens

The School will purchase spare EpiPens for general use and as a back-up to those supplied by Parents. Students are discouraged from providing the School with auto-injectors other than EpiPens, as staff training has focused on EpiPens.

The number of spare EpiPens will be determined by the Principal using a risk management approach taking into account the following:

- the number of students enrolled at the School who have been diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis;
- the accessibility of EpiPens that have been provided by Parents of students who have been diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis;
- the availability and sufficient supply of EpiPens for general use in specified locations at the School, including (but not limited to):
 - in the school yard, and at excursions, camps and special events conducted or organised by the School; and
- EpiPens have a limited life, usually expiring within 12-18 months, and will need to be replaced at the School's expense, either at the time of use or expiry, whichever is first.

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6 Communication Plan

A proactive awareness campaign will involve using a combination of Newsletter, emails, noticeboard displays, student assemblies and staff meeting announcements. These strategies will highlight the nature of anaphylaxis, its symptoms and the school's anaphylaxis policy.

The school will publish regular notices (on a yearly basis), in the Newsletter, raising awareness of anaphylaxis and reminding parents of the need to notify the school in the event of their child being diagnosed with the condition.

New enrolments will be asked about their anaphylaxis status to ensure that the school has an accurate record of students at risk and is able to develop new individual action plans prior to a new student commencing their studies at the school. Parents/guardians of a child diagnosed at risk of anaphylaxis have been provided a copy of the school's Anaphylaxis management policy.

The school Anaphylaxis Management Plan will be included in the staff Roles & Responsibilities CD and published on the school's internal drive. There will be a dedicated file on the school's internal drive that will contain details of all students who have been diagnosed with severe medical conditions.

All staff will be briefed once each semester by a staff member who has up to date anaphylaxis management training on:

- the school's anaphylaxis management policy
- the causes, symptoms and treatment of anaphylaxis
- the identities of students diagnosed at risk of anaphylaxis and where their medication is located
- how to use an auto-adrenaline injecting device
- the school's first aid and emergency response procedure.

These briefings will also be used to remind staff about the Student at Risk file and where it is located on the internal drive.

Volunteers and casual relief staff will be informed of students at risk of anaphylaxis and their role in responding to an anaphylactic reaction of a student in their care by:

Classification

Casual Relieving Teachers

Responsibility

Principal or other nominated Person (ie. Classroom teacher)

Volunteers/ work placements

Classroom teacher

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7 Staff Training

The following School Staff will be appropriately trained:

- School Staff who conduct classes containing students with a medical condition that relates to allergy and the potential for anaphylactic reaction; and
- All other School Staff who are in charge of a group on their own, whether it contains a student who is anaphylactic or not.
- All learning support staff who work alongside the teachers.
- All administration staff who work in the office area.

The identified School Staff will undertake the following training:

- an Anaphylaxis Management Training Course in the three years prior; and
- participate in a briefing, to occur twice per calendar year (with the first briefing to be held at the beginning of the school year) on:
 - the School's Anaphylaxis Management Policy;
 - the causes, symptoms and treatment of anaphylaxis;
 - the identities of the students with a medical condition that relates to an allergy and the potential for anaphylactic reaction, and where their medication is located;
 - the students emergency procedures plan (ASCIA Action Plan);
 - how to use an EpiPen, including hands on practise with a trainer EpiPen device;
 - the School's general first aid and emergency response procedures; and
 - the location of, and access to, EpiPens that have been provided by Parents or purchased by the School for general use.

The briefing will be conducted by a member of School Staff who has successfully completed an Anaphylaxis Management Training Course in the last 12 months.

In the event that the relevant training and briefing has not occurred, the Principal will develop an interim Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan in consultation with the Parents of any affected student with a medical condition that relates to allergy and the potential for anaphylactic reaction. Training will be provided to relevant School Staff as soon as practicable after the student enrolls, and preferably before the student's first day at School.

The Principal will ensure that while the student is under the care or supervision of the School, including excursions, yard duty, camps and special event days, there is a sufficient number of School Staff present who have successfully completed an Anaphylaxis Management Training Course in the three years prior.

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8 Annual Risk Management Checklist

- Send home a medical information form to be updated on a yearly basis to ensure parents inform the school of current medical information and plans, which will include information related to anaphylaxis threats.
- Check there have been two staff in-services on procedures for administering auto-injection devices.
- Check the use by dates on auto –injection devices twice yearly, at the same time as staff are updated.
- Check that the school community is regularly informed through the newsletter of the policy of no food sharing between children in groups that contain a child with an anaphylaxis threat due to food allergies.
- Check that a current list of children who have food allergies has been supplied to the parents who administer school lunches each week.
- Ensure action plans with photos of the children at risk of anaphylaxis are clearly displayed in classrooms, first aid room and the community rooms i.e., kitchen, first aid rooms and classrooms are updated annually.
- Review this policy annually to ensure the school is compliant with the latest directives from the ministry and the education department.

9 Evaluation

The Principal shall:

- discuss with staff their knowledge of issues following staff participation in anaphylaxis management training
- audit enrolment checklists (e.g., annually) to ensure that documentation is current and complete
- discuss this policy and its implementation with parents/guardians of children at risk of anaphylaxis to gauge their satisfaction with both the policy and its implementation in relation to their child
- respond to complaints
- review the adequacy of the response of the school if a child has an anaphylactic reaction and consider the need for additional training and other corrective action.
- Ensure the First Aid officer oversees the maintenance and care of the Anaphylaxis First Aid kits.
- Ensure ongoing anaphylaxis training for staff.

Parents/guardians shall:

- read and be familiar with the policy
- identify and liaise with the nominated staff member
- bring relevant issues to the attention of staff

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10 Appendixes

- Anaphylaxis Management Plan
- Strategies to Avoid Allergens
- Enrolment checklist for children diagnosed as at risk of anaphylaxis
- Sample Risk Minimisation Plan
- Potential exposure scenarios and strategies

Reference Documents

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