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Anaphylaxis Management Policy

Purpose

This policy provides a plan for the management of IQRA College students diagnosed with anaphylaxis. The aim is for staff to work in partnership with the student and their parents/ carers, to provide a safe learning environment

Scope

This policy applies to all persons in the College community – parents, students and teaching staff.

Policy Statement

- The College is not a peanut or allergen free area. This is not manageable and promotes a false sense of security. However, all efforts will be taken by College staff to ensure the safety of the students concerned.
- IQRA College staff embrace contemporary approaches to assisting young people manage their health conditions. The emphasis is on encouraging them to become increasingly self-sufficient as they develop and mature.

Implementation

Staff Awareness and Training

- There are staff with First Aid training on-site at all time.
- Staff anaphylaxis training will occur, at the beginning of each school year. A training video endorsed by the Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia ([Home - Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)), will be utilised at these awareness sessions.
- Current photographs of anaphylactic students will be displayed in Admin and First Aid room.
- All staff must familiarise themselves completely with this policy and be prepared to carry out the procedures within, when confronted with a child suspected of having an anaphylactic reaction
- Staff will take a copy of any Individual Health Management Plans on all excursions, camps and off campus events attended by anaphylactic students.

Parental Responsibilities

Parents must:

- inform the College that their child is anaphylactic upon enrolment or as soon as practicable after diagnosis
- provide the College with an Anaphylaxis Action Plan, completed by their doctor
- provide the College with any updated information that relates to their child's medical condition and treatment
- ensure their child always carries their own EpiPen Adrenaline Autoinjector on their person
- inform the College should their child commence bus travel; and
- negotiate with bus companies to determine an action plan in case of an attack while on the bus.

Parents may:

- provide any prescribed antihistamine medication and spare EpiPen to Sick Bay as per the College's General Medical Care Procedure.

Junior and Primary School Control Measures

- Children will be asked not to bring in any known allergens.
- The child will be encouraged to only consume food brought in from home. They are not to accept food from other students under any circumstances.
- The teacher may need to modify class activities to accommodate the individual children - for example, removing or replacing certain substances from recipes to remove identified allergens.
- Children will be supervised whilst eating during breaks. A child with food containing a known allergen, may need to sit away from their classmates while eating, and be monitored by a staff member while washing their hands afterwards.
- If a staff member on duty believes a child with anaphylaxis has been exposed to an allergen, Sick Bay must be notified immediately to commence appropriate action. If the student is off campus the staff must follow the Anaphylaxis Action Plan via the Individual Health Management Plan.

Middle and Senior School Control Measures

- Teachers must be aware of students in each of their classes with anaphylaxis.
 - Teachers may need to modify the individual student's activities while participating in regular classes – for example establishing a specific set of cooking equipment to be used exclusively by the individual student or removing/replacing certain substances from recipes to remove identified hazards for individuals.
- Compliance and Monitoring.