

Anaphylaxis POLICY

Rationale:

Derrimut PS believes that the safety and wellbeing of children who are at risk of anaphylaxis is a whole-of-community responsibility. Derrimut PS is committed to being fully compliant with Ministerial order 706

Aims of Policy

- minimise the risk of an anaphylactic reaction occurring while the child is in the care of the children's service.
- ensure that staff members respond appropriately to an anaphylactic reaction by initiating appropriate treatment, including competently administering an Adrenalin Injector and emergency plans[®].
- raise the service community's awareness of anaphylaxis and its management through education and policy implementation.

Implementation:

- All staff to be appropriately trained in the administration of Adrenalin injectors every 3 years and briefed twice yearly
- Awareness program for all members of the Derrimut PS community and specialist areas such as canteen, kitchen garden, special activity days, camps and excursions
- Management plans (red and blue ASCIA plan) co developed with parents/carers for all students medically diagnosed as at risk of anaphylactic reactions and reviewed annually
- All adrenaline Injectors to be clearly labelled and accessible in the first aid room
- Prevention strategies such as:
 - Adoption of a no sharing of food policy
 - Parents of students who suffer from anaphylaxis will be encouraged to provide a treat box for special occasions
 - Classes with students with allergies will send notes home in case of class parties etc.
- A complete and up to date list of children, photo, emergency management and management plans will be located in all relevant classrooms and staff areas
- Storage of individual Adrenalin injectors will be clearly labelled and easily accessible from the first aid room
- Extra Adrenalin injectors will be purchased annually and stored in First aid room
- DEECD's annual risk management checklist will be conducted by PCO

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle. And will be updated in light of new departmental or health guidelines

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

2014

Reference: Anaphylaxis Guidelines – A resource for managing severe allergies in government schools and Ministerial order 706