



St Raphael's School | 2022

Allergy Awareness Policy





Rationale

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction. (Common allergens include tree nuts, peanuts, eggs, shellfish etc.) As with other health conditions (eg asthma) schools provide support to assist the parents/caregivers in the management of their child's health.

PURPOSE

- To provide a safe learning environment for all members of the St Raphael's School community.
- To raise the awareness of all members of the community regarding severe allergies.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Obtain accurate medical information. Anyone prescribed with an EpiPen must have an action plan signed by their doctor.
- School is provided with an EpiPen by the parent/caregiver. Standard protocol (as per Australian Resuscitation Council) for use of EpiPen. EpiPens to be stored with the emergency medication. Trained staff to administer.
- Current photo of student and action plan to be clearly displayed in an appropriate location so that staff are aware of it.
- Attention to specific allergies for students outside of nut allergies should also be taken such as an allergic reaction to eggs, seafood and grass.
Food packaging such as the use of egg cartons needs to be monitored closely.

Monitoring the Policy

THE ALLERGY AWARENESS POLICY WILL BE MANAGED BY:

- Parents/caregivers are required **NOT** to send food to school that contain nuts (especially peanuts). This includes peanut paste, Nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as food containing nuts.
- Students being encouraged not to share food.
- Students are required to wash their hands after eating.
- Supporting the child with allergies and allowing them to only eat food prepared and/or checked by their parents/caregivers. It is the responsibility of the parents/caregivers to fully educate their child in knowing how to manage their allergy.
- Educating all students about food allergy.
- Reminding all families about how they can help create an allergy aware community.

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- At the beginning of the year (or when an allergy is diagnosed) parents/caregivers of students with allergies make an appointment with the classroom teacher to outline the Allergy Action Plan as set out by a doctor.
- Parents/Caregivers to monitor what food is brought to school for shared lunches/class celebrations.
- All classes have a “no cake” policy for birthday celebrations. If parents would like their child to share something with the class at school it can be a sticker, pencil or eraser for example.
- Accessing information and resource materials at www.allergyfacts.org.au

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