



# ANAPHYLAXIS POLICY

---

## Purpose

Peter Moyes Anglican Community School (the School) is committed to providing a safe school environment for students, staff and visitors. It wishes to protect those students who suffer from severe allergies and could be in danger of anaphylactic reaction. At the point of enrolment and for the duration of the enrolment, parents/guardians are required to ensure that updated student information is provided to the School so as to identify students at risk of an allergic reaction, the known triggers, higher risk activities/events and symptom recognition.

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that occurs after exposure to an allergen. Adrenaline auto-injectors are designed to be given by non-medical professionals, such as staff or the allergic person themselves, if they are well and old enough. .

While most allergic reactions usually occur within minutes after exposure to the allergen, known or unknown to the person, some reactions may take up to two hours between the time of contact/ingestion and presentation of signs/symptoms. As severe reactions can occur unpredictably, any allergic reaction is to be taken seriously and treated as a potential medical emergency requiring immediate treatment with adrenaline.

The Health Centre provides the safe and secure location of all Individual Health Care Plans and current Adrenaline Auto-Injectors. To ensure that on-site Adrenaline Auto-Injectors are ready to use, the School ensures a range of measures are in place to manage adrenaline auto-injectors. Correct storage, and replacement of adrenaline auto-injectors both in the School's Health Centre and at off School grounds.

The School's emergency response is to promptly follow its staff training in treatment of anaphylaxis and will call for an ambulance. It will then contact parents/guardians whilst monitoring the student. Following an incident, post incident procedures will be conducted.

There are a range of risk identification and mitigation strategies employed by the School. This includes regular review of the policy, procedures, strategies and information to identify and minimise anaphylaxis harm to students. It provides staff training on prevention, recognition and treatment of anaphylaxis. It ensures regular refresher training and trainer device demonstrations.

The School maintains current Individual Health Care Plans for students known to be at risk. Parents/guardians are required to complete Personal and General ASCIA Action Plans and provide the School with accompanying appropriate in date adrenaline auto-injector , where prescribed.

## Related Documents

Anaphylaxis Procedures  
Food and Nutrition Policy  
Waves Café Policy