



CRANBOURNE EAST
SECONDARY COLLEGE
ANAPHYLAXIS POLICY

Rationale:

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is life-threatening and therefore must be regarded as a MEDICAL EMERGENCY requiring immediate and rapid response.

Objectives:

- To provide a safe and supportive environment for students at risk of anaphylaxis.
- To raise awareness about anaphylaxis and the school's anaphylaxis policy within the school community.
- To engage with parents/carers of students at risk of anaphylaxis in assessing risks and developing risk minimization and management strategies for students.
- To ensure that all staff have an in-depth knowledge about allergies, anaphylaxis and the school's policy and procedures in responding to an anaphylactic reaction.

Guidelines:

- CESC will comply with Ministerial Order 706 and associated guidelines
- The College will actively seek information to identify students with severe life-threatening allergies at enrolment.
- The Principal will ensure that each affected student has an Anaphylaxis Management Plan in place. This must be in place before the student commences their first day at school. This plan will be reviewed annually; if the student's condition changes; or immediately after an anaphylactic reaction at school.

Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plans will detail:

- Information about the student's diagnosis, including the type of allergy or allergies.
- Strategies to minimize the risk of exposure to the allergens while the student is under the care or supervision of school staff, for in-school and out of school settings, including all camps, incursions and excursions.
- The person(s) responsible for implementing the strategies.
- Information on where the student's medication is stored and the student's emergency contact details.
- Emergency procedures plan (ASCIA Action Plan), provided by the parent and signed by a medical practitioner.
- The school First Aid Officer will ensure that student contact details, medication, ASCIA action plans and Anaphylaxis Management Plans are up-to-date. Contact will be made with parents to discuss individual Anaphylaxis Management Plans.
- In the event of an anaphylactic reaction, the school's first aid and emergency management response procedures and the student's Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan must be followed.
- CESC will purchase 'backup' adrenaline auto-injector(s) as part of the school first aid kit(s) and for general use.

- The College will develop a Communication Plan to raise staff, student and school community awareness about severe allergies and the School's Anaphylaxis Management Policy.
- The Principal will ensure that all staff are briefed at least twice a year (the first being at the beginning of the school year) by a staff member who has up to date anaphylaxis management training, on:
 - The school's anaphylaxis policy
 - The causes, symptoms and treatment of anaphylaxis
 - The identities of students diagnosed at risk of anaphylaxis
 - How to competently administer an EpiPen/Anapen
 - The school's first aid and emergency response procedures.
- All permanent staff must have up to date qualifications in an anaphylaxis management training course. All staff must be able to identify all students at risk of anaphylaxis and protect them from risks that are reasonably foreseeable. The school's first aid procedures and the student's emergency procedures plan must be followed in responding to an anaphylactic reaction.
- All staff must ensure that they fully understand their responsibilities for the risk minimization strategies identified in the individual anaphylaxis management plan of students under their care.
- Staff will ensure that they carry individual students EpiPen/Anapens for whom they are directly responsible while on excursions.
- CESC will complete an Annual Anaphylaxis Risk Management Checklist.
- Any child with an Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan in relation to food allergies are not permitted to purchase any canteen items through window sales or to share food provided by anyone else.
- "Food Sharing" between students is to be discouraged by staff. The staff member who is responsible for daily organization will inform casual relief staff of students at risk of anaphylaxis and their role in responding to an allergic reaction.

Evaluation: The effectiveness of this policy will be reviewed as part of the College's four year review cycle.