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ANAPHYLAXIS AND ALLERGY AWARENESS POLICY

Context:

At Keller Road we promote and construct learning environments that are safe and supportive. Students and staff may have anaphylactic (severe allergic) conditions. This means that exposure at school to certain allergens/triggers may constitute a risk to their health and wellbeing.

Anaphylaxis, or anaphylactic shock, is a systemic allergic reaction that can be fatal within minutes: either through swelling that shuts off airways or through a dramatic drop in blood pressure. While there can be a range of triggers such as bee stings, shellfish and eggs, the most common trigger is to tree nuts (including peanuts, cashews, almonds, pistachio).

It is not possible to guarantee that the environment will be completely free of potential hazards. However, compliance to reasonable guidelines will minimise the potential risks. The emphasis is therefore on raising awareness and adopting the reasonable procedures termed an 'Anaphylaxis and Allergy Awareness'.

Purpose:

- To raise the awareness of anaphylactic conditions for all members of the Keller Road Primary School community.
- To provide a safe school environment for all members of the Keller Road Primary School community.
- To continually review awareness of allergies (including nuts) in our school.

Management:

Stage 1 No identified student in the school)

- Enrolling parents asked for information about possible allergies.

Stage 2 (on enrolment of an identified student the school will move to stage 2)

The Anaphylaxis and Allergy Awareness policy will be managed by:

- Parents/caregivers will provide an anaphylaxis care plan from the doctor if their child has a serious allergy.
- Parents/caregivers in a classroom may be requested NOT to send food to school that may contain notified allergens e.g. nuts. This will apply to the learning unit that the student is in.
- Parents/caregivers will ensure that the school has 'in date'/current medication.
- Staff will be made aware of students who have anaphylactic responses and notify class parents of known triggers.
- Staff will supervise eating after break times.
- Staff will educate students NOT to share food.
- Students will be encouraged to wash hands after eating.
- Staff participating in training from St John in understanding and dealing with anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) including the use of Epi-pen as the need arises.
- School activities such as fundraising, camps and excursions will comply with the Allergy and Anaphylaxis Policy.
- Students bringing food that contain allergens will be asked to eat that food away from any other students and to wash their hands before going to play.

Leadership/Administration staff will:

- Support the familiarisation with the school's Anaphylaxis and Allergy Awareness policy
- Inform families, TRT staff and new staff to the school of the policy
- Provide opportunities for staff information and training
- Provide regular updates re students with food allergies to classroom teachers.

Promotion:

The policy will be promoted by:

- Parents and caregivers being informed via the school newsletter
- New families to the school community being informed via the Enrolment Information Package
- Governing Council being informed and giving approval and support to this policy
- Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities
- Students being informed via teachers, signs and the newsletter.

For more information on food allergy call 1300728000 or visit www.allergy.org.au

<http://www.allergy.org.au/health-professionals/papers/prevent-anaphylaxis-in-schools-childcare>

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<http://www.wch.sa.gov.au/services/az/divisions/paedm/allergy/index.html> and

For Australian food labelling visit www.foodstandards.gov.au

**The ASCIA (Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy) 'Guidelines for Prevention of Food Anaphylactic Reactions in Schools, Pre-schools and Childcare Centres' has been referred to in developing these policy guidelines. **