

# Allergy and Anaphylaxis Policy

<b>Relevant legislation</b>	Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (Tas) Education and Care Services National Law 2011 Education and Care Services National Law (Application) Act 2011 (Tas) Education and Care Services National Regulations (Cth) Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)
<b>Commencement date</b>	16 April 2014
<b>Last review date</b>	1 February 2021

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to the School and all of its associated programs and services.

## 3. Objectives

The objective of this policy is to:

- support, as far as possible and practical, a school environment in which students at risk of anaphylaxis are able to participate equally in all activities;
- improve knowledge and raise awareness about anaphylaxis with students, staff and developing parents and carers of children with minimisation strategies for their child; and
- enable students with allergies and/or anaphylaxis to grow through acquiring knowledge, and to take responsibility for the management of their condition (in an age and developmentally appropriate way).

## 4. Definitions

<p><b>Allergy</b></p>	<p>An allergy is an abnormal immune response to a usually harmless substance.<sup>1</sup></p>
<p><b>Anaphylaxis</b></p>	<p>Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. Anaphylaxis occurs after exposure to an allergen (usually to foods, insect stings, or medicines) to which a person is already extremely sensitive. It results in potentially life threatening symptoms which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• difficulty/noisy breathing</li> <li>• swelling of the tongue</li> <li>• swelling/tightness in throat</li> <li>• difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice</li> <li>• loss of consciousness and/or collapse</li> <li>• pale skin and loss of motor control (i.e. ‘floppiness’) in young children<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
<p><b>EpiPen</b></p>	<p>An EpiPen is a single use automatic injecting device that delivers a measured dose of adrenaline.</p> <p>There are two types of EpiPen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EpiPen Jnr – for children w1 Td( )Ta0 Td( )Tjn384 .281 1 g68.04 4 0 Td(os)-11.5 (s)3.5 ( of)5.3 (</li> </ul>

- making every reasonable attempt to include students with allergies or anaphylaxis in school programs and services;
- reducing the risk of allergic or anaphylactic reactions by removing food containing nuts from its canteens – r;

## 6. Supporting/related documents

[First Aid Procedure](#)

[Children's Services Medical Conditions Policy](#)

[Children's Services Medication Administration Policy](#)

[Medication Administration Form](#)

## 7. Record keeping

