

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OAK FLATS



Anaphylaxis Policy

Associated Learning and Teaching Principles

1. *Learning and teaching are personalised processes, which require the recognition of individual difference and diversity.*
2. *Learning and teaching require resilience and calculated risk-taking, supported by high expectations and quality learning environments.*

RATIONALE

At Corpus Christi Catholic High School, we are committed to care for all students with medical conditions of a serious nature which includes **Anaphylaxis**. All members of our community including students, staff and parents have responsibilities to ensure that these students feel safe in the knowledge that in the event of an incident, competent and adequate first aid will be administered. We wish to establish a partnership between the parents of students with anaphylaxis and the school to share information and clarify expectations.

GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

Responsibility of Parents of a Child with Anaphylaxis

- Inform the Principal of the health needs of the child upon enrolment and if the health needs of the child change
- Provide the school with the following:
 1. Emergency Response Action Plan for Anaphylaxis (to be completed by medical practitioner – Appendix 1) and provide an updated plan as required
 2. Consent to Dispense Medicines Form (Appendix 2)
 3. Ensure that **your child has an up-to-date full kit on them at school at all times**

Responsibility of All Other Parents in the School Community:

- Parents should assist their child in understanding the seriousness of life threatening allergies and encourage them to be supportive and respectful of students with allergies
- Parents should review any information provided by the school

Responsibility of Students with Anaphylaxis:

- Do not trade or share food
- Wash hands before and after eating
- Recognise and alert staff to any symptoms relating to an allergic reaction
- Take as much responsibility as possible to avoid allergens
- Don't be afraid to let people know of their condition
- **Ensure that they have their full kit on them at school each day.** In the event of physical activity the kit should be given to a Learning Advisor for safe keeping
- Report any incidents of bullying and harassment from other students in relation to their condition

Responsibility of All Other Students in the School Community:

- Students should have an understanding of the seriousness of life threatening allergies and be supportive of students in their community with allergies
- Avoid sharing food with anaphylactic students
- Refrain from bullying or teasing a student with a food allergy

Responsibility of Staff:

- Staff will be given appropriate training in Anaphylaxis. This training will be deemed Professional Development.
- Each member of the School community is responsible for ensuring that correct First Aid procedures in relation to Anaphylaxis, in both theory and practice, are observed
- Appropriate documentation will be obtained for each student upon application for enrolment in relation to medical information. This information will be uploaded into the School Compass System for the individual student..
- Staff with anaphylaxis will advise the SSSO of this condition and ensure that they have a kit on them at school. Plan to be uploaded in to Compass by the SSSO Consultation will be carried out with individual staff members in relation to their Management Plan and confidentiality requirements.
- In the event of excursions or other activities which require students under Management Plans to leave the school grounds, learning advisors will check that these students have their full kit with them prior to attending the excursion or event.
- Whenever possible the schools administration system (COMPASS) will be utilised to record any dispensing of medication including an EpiPen by staff.

Policy Review	
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Implementation Responsibility	Principal

Appendices:

Appendix 1: [Emergency Response Action Plan](#)

Appendix 2: [Medical Dispensing Form.pdf](#)

Appendix 3: [Catholic Education Office Wollongong - Dispensing of Medicines Policy](#)