



## Anaphylaxis Management Policy

<b>Purpose:</b>	This policy provides a plan for the management of Redlands College students diagnosed with anaphylaxis. The aim is for staff to work in partnership with the student and their parents/ carers, to provide a safe learning environment	
<b>Scope:</b>	This policy applies to all persons in the College community – but in particular, parents, students and teaching staff	
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<b>Authorised by:</b>	Executive	<b>Date of Authorisation:</b> 08/06/2017
<b>References:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Old)</a></li><li>• <a href="#">First Aid in the Workplace Code of Practice 2014 (Old)</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy Guidelines (ASCIA)</a></li></ul>	
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<b>Policy Owner:</b>	Sick Bay Team Leader	

## **Policy Statement**

- The College is not a peanut or allergen free area. This is not manageable and promotes a false sense of security. However, all efforts will be taken by College staff to ensure the safety of the students concerned
- Redlands College staff embrace contemporary approaches to assisting young people manage their health conditions. The emphasis is on encouraging them to become increasingly self-sufficient as they develop and mature.

## **Implementation**

### **Staff Awareness and Training**

- Staff anaphylaxis training will occur, at the beginning of each school year. A training video endorsed by the ASCIA and a training version of an Epipen Adrenaline Autoinjector, may be utilised at these awareness sessions.
- Current photographs of anaphylactic students will be displayed in staffrooms and in playground duty folders
- All staff must familiarise themselves completely with this policy and be prepared to carry out the procedures within, when confronted with a child suspected of having an anaphylactic reaction
- Staff will take a copy of any Individual Health Management Plans on all excursions, camps and off campus events attended by anaphylactic students.

### **Parental Responsibilities**

Parents must:

- inform the College that their child is anaphylactic upon enrolment or as soon as practicable after diagnosis
- provide the College with an ASCIA Anaphylaxis Action Plan, completed by their doctor
- provide the College with any updated information that relates to their child's medical condition and treatment
- ensure their child carries their own Epipen Adrenaline Autoinjector on their person at all times
- inform the College should their child commence bus travel; and
- negotiate with bus companies to determine an action plan in case of an attack while on the bus.

Parents may:

- provide any prescribed anti-histamine medication and spare Epipen to Sick Bay as per the College's General Medical Care Procedure.

### **Junior School Control Measures**

- Children will be asked not to bring in any known allergens
- The child will be encouraged to only consume food brought in from home. They are not to accept food from other students under any circumstances
- If a cake or similar is coming for a birthday, the teacher will provide the allergic child with the alternative sent in from the child's home
- The teacher may need to modify class activities to accommodate the individual children - for example, removing or replacing certain substances from recipes to remove identified allergens

- Children will be supervised whilst eating during breaks. A child with food containing a known allergen, may need to sit away from their classmates (under the tower) while eating, and be monitored by a staff member while washing their hands afterwards
- If a staff member on duty believes a child with anaphylaxis has been exposed to an allergen, Sick Bay must be notified immediately to commence appropriate action. If the student is off campus the staff must follow the Anaphylaxis Action Plan via the Individual Health Management Plan.

### **Middle and Senior School Control Measures**

- Teachers must be aware of students in each of their classes with anaphylaxis
- Teachers may need to modify the individual student's activities while participating in regular classes – for example establishing a specific set of cooking equipment to be used exclusively by the individual student or removing/replacing certain substances from recipes to remove identified hazards for individuals.

### **Compliance and Monitoring**

This policy will be available to parents on the College website and a referred to in parent handbooks.