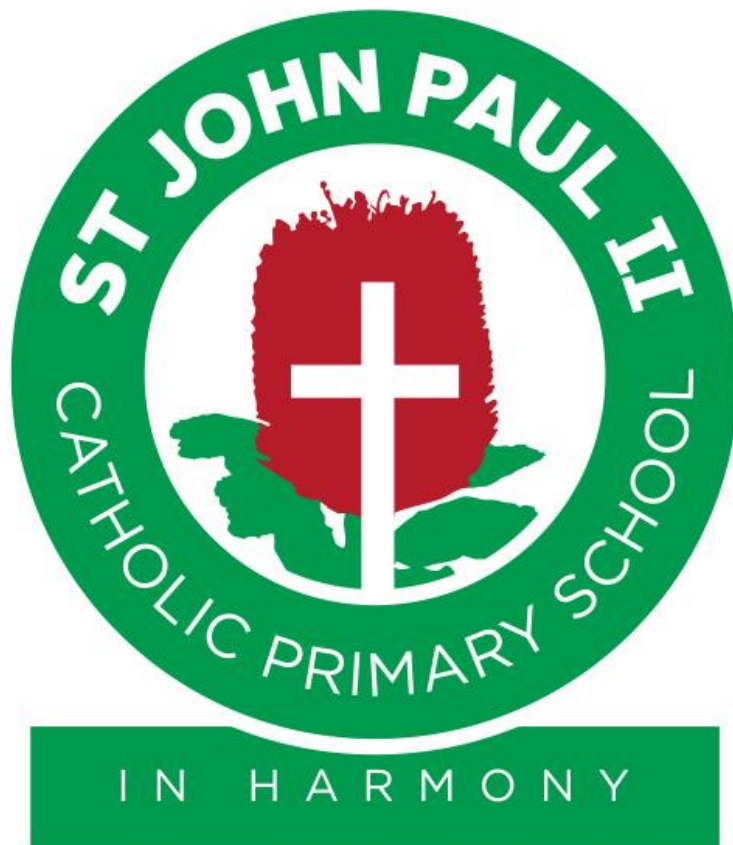


ST JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Anaphylaxis Policy

Review 2024

Rationale

St John Paul II Catholic Primary School is committed to providing a safe environment for all students. Special attention and care must be given to mitigate the risk of an anaphylactic reaction on the school grounds.

Scope

This policy applies to all staff, students, parents/caregivers and wider community members of St John Paul II Catholic Primary School.

Definition

Anaphylaxis is an acute allergic reaction to such things as egg, peanuts, shellfish, bee stings and many other allergens. Anaphylaxis can be life threatening with rapid onset and evolution of symptoms occurring soon after exposure to the allergen. Exposure can be via direct contact or indirect contact through cross-contamination. In rare cases reactions can result from the breath of a person who has consumed peanuts or other specific allergens. The symptoms of this type of allergic reaction include shortness of breath, rash, wheezing and upper airway obstruction. An anaphylactic reaction is treated with an immediate injection of adrenaline.

Principles

St John Paul II Catholic Primary School is an Allergy Aware school. This requires parents and children's support as there are a number of children who suffer from allergies which have the potential to cause an anaphylactic reaction.

Procedures

- The parent / guardian is responsible for providing St John Paul II Catholic Primary School with all relevant information about a student's allergies and shall be collected at enrolment or upon diagnosis.
- All students who suffer from serious allergic reactions and any other articulated chronic medical condition will have a Medical Action Plan provided to the school by a medical practitioner explaining triggers, expected symptoms and recommended action in the event of accidental exposure to a trigger.
- All staff shall receive training in anaphylactic awareness, recognition and management.
- Staff at St John Paul II Catholic Primary School must follow the student's Anaphylaxis Action Plan.
- In the event of an Epipen being used, the student will be transferred to hospital by ambulance.
- Awareness education of anaphylaxis will be on-going and may include:
 - Newsletter items
 - Staff meeting agenda item
 - Professional development for staff
- Student's Epipens will be stored in an individualised container in the school office in an identified cupboard. It will contain a copy of their Anaphylaxis Action Plan, Epipen and any other medicine required for the student.
- Parents are responsible to ensure the school has an in-date Epipen.
- Parents are responsible to ensure the school is kept up to date with changing circumstances.