

WANTIRNA SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



Anaphylaxis Policy

Rationale

Wantirna South Primary School has a duty of care for all students at the school. The management of anaphylaxis is a joint responsibility between home and the school.

Aim

To ensure Wantirna South Primary School manages students at risk of anaphylaxis and meets legislative requirements. The school will ensure students are cared for in a safe, caring and positive social environment therefore parents will provide the School with the necessary information about their child's medical conditions. Parents will provide the school with medication for anaphylaxis conditions and a management plan for students at risk of anaphylaxis. Wantirna South Primary School staff will undertake the necessary training so that they can recognise and respond to anaphylactic reactions. The school will, as best possible, minimise the risk for students prone to anaphylactic reactions.

Implementation

- The current Anaphylaxis Guidelines, including Anaphylaxis Management Checklist (published by the Department) will be followed.
- Parents are responsible to provide Wantirna South Primary School with a current anaphylaxis management plan and medication.
- A current Action Plan for Anaphylaxis for each student will be completed and displayed with medical information in a prominent position in the First Aid room.
- The Management Plan, Action Plan and medication will be checked by office staff at Wantirna South Primary School annually.
- The school will display information about the causes, signs and treatment of anaphylaxis in a prominent position for staff.
- Training will be provided to ensure that staff feel competent and confident in implementing each student's anaphylaxis management plan.
- All staff will be briefed once a semester to update anaphylaxis information.
- As much as possible, triggers for possible anaphylactic reactions will be kept to a minimum but it is not possible to guarantee that the school environment will be totally allergen-free. The school will raise awareness about anaphylaxis risks in the school community *through such ways as the Prep Information Night and reminders in the WASPS newsletters.*
- Volunteers and casual relief staff will be informed about students at risk of anaphylaxis and their role in responding to an anaphylactic reaction.
- Department regional Student Wellbeing consultants will be used as a resource.

Other Policies

This Policy has been developed in accordance with the Department of Education's Anaphylaxis Advisory Guide (<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/health/pages/anaphylaxis.aspx>).

Evaluation

This Policy will be reviewed as part of a five year cycle or as directed by School Council.

This Policy was ratified by School Council in April 2015.

Review date: April 2020.