Allergy Aware Policy

**Focus**

Allergy Awareness is the ongoing process of supporting those with Allergies through an effective program that informs and educates students, staff and parents in this area.

**Guidelines**

To ensure the safety of all students as an ‘Allergy Aware’ school by supporting those that suffer from difficulties relating to allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis. We aim to educate all members of our school community regarding the medical risks, allergens, management and alternatives when supporting allergy sufferers.

**Implementation**

Our school will be “Allergy Aware” through:

- Identifying students with known allergens, and ensuring they have a management plan prepared by a health professional.
- Providing appropriate professional development for staff.
- Developing management processes that are specific to particular allergens.
- Providing opportunities for the community to learn more about managing allergies and how they can support the student, family and the school.
- Asking parents of other students in the class, where a student has been identified as having an allergy, to sign an agreement that they understand and are willing to support the ‘Allergy Aware School’ program.
- Ensuring the school canteen menu is aware and supportive of students with allergies wherever possible.

**Additional Educational DVDs**

- “Dealing with Food Allergies”
  
  *Presented at Information evening, New Prep Parent Term 4 Information Session and available for loan.*

- “Alexander the Elephant”
  
  *P-4 audience (from Anaphylaxis Australia). Shown as part of Allergy Aware School program. Also available for loan.*

- “Friends helping Friends”
  
  *5/6 audience (from Anaphylaxis Australia). Shown as part of Allergy Aware School program. Also available for loan.*

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Community Resources

Contact either:

- Delene Lynex (H) 9704 1633 or
- Narre Community Learning Centre 9704 7388

.. to organise 90 minute information sessions for Staff / Parents.

- Delene will also support implementation of 45 minute sessions for all students.

Related Documents

Intranet Processes

- Allergy Aware / Anaphylaxis Management Process

Intranet Supporting Documents

- “Allergy Aware School” Parent Support Letter
- Anaphylaxis Management Plan
- Additional Education Resources

External Links

- DEECD (Anaphylaxis)
- Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA)
- HealthInsite
- Food Standards Australia New Zealand
- NSW Food Authority
- Therapeutic Goods Administration
- National Asthma Council (NAC)
- Virtual Medical Centre
- Better Health Channel
- Anaphylaxis Australia
- Dietitians Association of Australia
- World Allergy Organisation (WAO)

Review

This Policy shall be reviewed by the Health and Wellbeing Committee by May 2010 or prior if deemed necessary.