

Allergy Aware

Andamooka Primary School and Children's Centre aims to protect our children from possible allergy risks without unnecessarily banning foods/items.

Parents are to keep us informed of any allergy reactions that become evident. Should the need arise, the school will take all necessary steps to keep children safe. Our primary concern is to protect those children in our site and community who are in danger of an anaphylactic reaction.

Reducing the risk of Anaphylaxis

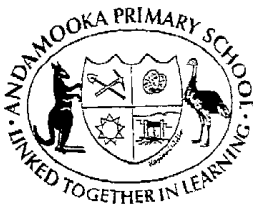
To reduce the chances of a child having an anaphylaxis attack, it is important to prepare students, parents and teachers:

- Children who have had previous anaphylactic events should be identified at the time of enrolment.
- The School requires parents of anaphylactic children to liaise closely with classroom teachers and school staff to take the responsibility for providing up-to-date medication/Epi-Pens as required.
- A review of medical information is required at the start of each school year in a meeting with key school personnel.
- Clear documentation of the possible triggers, the symptoms and the course of action to be followed to be supplied by the parents or the child's doctor. This documentation will be located on high cupboards in the school kitchen, clearly naming the student(s) of concern and with photo.
- Good hygiene practices to be encouraged and promoted with children, eg. hand washing before and after eating.
- Surfaces such as tables, toys, etc. will be washed clean of contaminating foods.
- All staff are trained in how to use Epi-Pens.

To reduce the risk of a child having an attack:

- There will be no trading or sharing of food, utensils and food containers.
- All children should eat only lunches and snacks that have been prepared at home.
- Parents must inform the school of possible allergy risks for their child. Should a risk be identified, that risk may be mitigated by issuing broader school-wide bans of some foods/items, if necessary.





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Teachers and carers will take the following steps when children at risk of an attack are in their care.

- A system of discreet playground identification of anaphylactic children to be devised by staff.
- Teachers on duty will ensure anaphylactic children will be seated at a safe distance away from others when eating.
- The staff will enforce a “no eating” policy on school buses, for excursions and outings.
- Teachers-in-charge will carry an Epi-Pen and inject if necessary.

Should an attack occur:

- Teachers will inject using the child's personal Epi-pen.
- An ambulance will be called.
- The parents of the child will be called.

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