

HUNTERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL

POLICY ON ANAPHYLAXIS

SCHOOL STRATEGIES

1. The school seeks medical information from parents to assist in the identification of students who are potentially at risk of anaphylaxis or who have suffered previous anaphylactic reactions.
2. The school distributes to teachers, information about the health status of students via staffrooms and school information. Teachers need to familiarise themselves to identify students who are potentially at risk of anaphylaxis based upon students' medical summaries. (Teachers must ensure that the privacy of student medical information is maintained).
3. The school endeavours to review changes to a student's management of severe allergic reactions on a regular basis.
4. The school keeps a Register of Auto-injectors (e.g. EpiPens) to identify persons at risk, the potential triggers and the expiry dates of any Auto-injectors held by the students or the school.
5. The school stores spare EpiPens in the 3 Main First Aid Kits: held in Block A (Student Reception, Science Staffroom and Industrial Arts Staffroom to provide prompt access to EpiPens in an emergency. (Persons can use an EpiPen that has not necessarily been prescribed for his/her use).
6. The school provides excursion EpiPens for excursions and in situations where students identified as being at risk of anaphylaxis are attending.
7. The school requests that students and families are to minimise risk to food allergies by avoidance of potential allergens such as nuts.
8. The school displays warning signs in the Canteen and Food Technology areas to identify to students, parents and staff that that some foods may contain traces of nuts.
9. Staff should report any bee or wasps nests to the WHS Committee on a Hazard Form so that measures can be considered to reduce risk.
10. Persons who are at high risk of anaphylaxis are likely to have an EpiPen or an EpiPen Junior Auto-injector. These persons must keep their Auto-injector with them at all lessons.
11. EpiPen owners are to take their EpiPens on ALL school excursions.
12. Students should avoid the sharing of foods to minimise the risk of an unexpected allergic reaction.