



# ANAPHYLAXIS

## Policy

### Rationale

Our Lady of Sion College strives to provide a holistic approach to health education within the context of Christian values, which actively promotes the intellectual, emotional, physical, social and spiritual wellbeing of our community. Integral to our approach to health and wellbeing is the partnership held between school and parents/guardians in relation to the specific needs of their daughter/s and the care needed to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all, especially pertaining to issues of Anaphylaxis.

### Definition

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. Adrenaline given through an adrenaline auto-injector device to the muscle of the outer mid thigh is the most effective first aid treatment for anaphylaxis.

### Principles

- To provide, as far as practicable, a safe and supportive environment in which members of the College community at risk of anaphylaxis can participate equally in all aspects of College life
- To allow for open, clear and professional communication between members of the College community to identify needs, assess risks, and develop risk minimisation strategies and management strategies
- To raise awareness about anaphylaxis and the College's anaphylaxis management policy in the College community

### Implementation

- The College will seek detailed medical information from parents/guardians to identify students who are at risk of anaphylaxis
- Individual anaphylaxis management plans will be developed for each student diagnosed by a medical practitioner as at risk of anaphylaxis. This will be done in consultation with the student's parents/guardians and medical practitioner.
- A communication plan will be developed for staff, students and parents/guardians with information regarding the College's Anaphylaxis Policy. This will include preventative strategies and responses to the needs of students at risk of anaphylaxis in a range of different situations.
- It is incumbent upon parents/guardians to provide an up-to-date auto-injector for their daughter/s
- A program of staff training for emergency response to anaphylaxis will be developed and implemented in accordance with Ministerial Order No.706 Anaphylaxis Management in Victorian Schools.
- Anaphylaxis management is implemented in the risk assessment for College activities.