RSC Anaphylaxis Policy

RATIONALE

Anaphylaxis reactions can be life threatening and caused by a number of factors. It is important therefore for all staff members to be aware of anaphylaxis, its symptoms and triggers, and the management of anaphylaxis in a school environment.

AIMS

To manage anaphylaxis reactions as effectively and efficiently as possible at school.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Anaphylaxis attacks involve the narrowing of airways making it difficult to breathe. Symptoms commonly include difficulty breathing, hives/welts, tingling of mouth, vomiting. Severe reactions can cause swelling of the tongue/throat, noisy breathing, tightness in throat, persistent cough and dizziness/collapse.
- Any student with anaphylaxis must have a management plan in place as soon as practicable after the student enrols.
- All students with anaphylaxis must have an up to date (annual) written anaphylaxis management plan consistent with ASCIA recommendations (http://www.allergy.org.au/) completed by their doctor or paediatrician in consultation with the parent/carer. This is to also include an up to date photo of the student. Appropriate anaphylaxis plan pro-formas are available at http://www.allergy.org.au/health-professionals/anaphylaxis-resources
- Information will be provided annually for all staff on the nature, prevention and treatment of anaphylaxis attacks. Such information will also be displayed on the staffroom wall.
- Anaphylaxis plans will be attached to the student’s records for reference and in front office and also in First Aid.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring their children have an auto injector) with them at school at all times. The College will also keep a spare auto injector in the front office for emergencies. There is a RSC Epipen is Sick Bay.
- Photos with detail of the student’s allergies is displayed in the Photocopier Room.
- The school will ensure that all information regarding students’ with anaphylaxis plan is communicated to staff (twice a year) through briefings at staff meetings and specific anaphylaxis training (3 yearly).
- The school will communicate with other staff (CRT and volunteers) with regard to any student with anaphylaxis.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year review cycle.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

WPSC First Aid Policy

This policy was last ratified by School Council on 24th March 2014