



Asthma & Anaphylaxis Policy

RATIONALE

Schools always have a duty of care to all students and staff. This includes appropriate and uniform systems to provide for students' and staff's asthma and anaphylaxis management during school and school activities. St Joseph's School is an Asthma Awareness School.

AIMS

The aims of the St Joseph's School Asthma & Anaphylaxis Policy are to:

- Provide a safe, healthy and supportive school environment for students with asthma and anaphylaxis.
- Provide students with asthma and anaphylaxis equal access to learning.
- Provide peace of mind to parents and carers of children with asthma and anaphylaxis.

IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is in implementation for the whole of the school year.

Asthma and Anaphylaxis education and training is provided for all school staff through their compulsory Basic First Aid course to ensure the health of students and staff with asthma and allergies. Parents are to supply the school with Asthma Action Plans for their child/ren with asthma and medical information forms for severe allergies, in consultation with their family doctor on a yearly basis. These are to be kept in a central location for easy access by school staff.

Parents are required to provide the school with their child/ren's current medication to be kept at the school at all times.

Individual student's medication is to be clearly labelled and kept in the sick room.

The school's administration staff is required to notify class teachers at the beginning of each school year of the students with asthma and severe allergies in their class. The photos of students with Anaphylaxis (EPI Pens) will also be placed in the sick room and staff room areas.

In the event of school activities off campus, e.g. excursions, camps etc the organising teacher is to ensure that they have identified all students with asthma and severe allergies, and have these students' current medication in with the first aid kit. Current medication **MUST** be taken on these activities.

The school will provide a blue reliever puffer and spacer device for emergency use only and parents with children requiring Epi-pens will need to supply the school with this device. Epi-pens have a short expiry and this will be recorded and checked regularly by the school and parents notified of due expiry for replacement.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Administration staff are to collate all information regarding students with asthma and allergies at the beginning of the school year and ensure that the current medication is provided by the student's family to be kept at school.

Organising teachers are required to ensure that all students with asthma and allergies are identified prior to excursions, camps etc and that the students' current medication is taken on these activities.

St Joseph's School is to provide all staff with adequate training in Asthma First Aid, Anaphylaxis and Epi-pen usage as required.

Signed by Principal:

Don DePalma

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