



KINCOPPAL – ROSE BAY
SCHOOL OF THE SACRED HEART

“Nut Aware” Policy

Purpose:	Minimise the risk of an anaphylactic response in students identified as having a severe allergy to nuts.
Relevant to:	Students who have a severe allergy to nuts
Responsible Officer(s):	School Nurse; Director of Students; Head of the Junior School; Catering Managers
Date of Introduction:	10 June 2010
Date of Review:	June 2012
Modification History:	
Related Documents:	Anaphylaxis Information, Student Medical Alerts, ASCIA Anaphylaxis e-training at www.allergy.org.au/training/
Related Forms:	Identified student’s Health Information Form

POLICY:

This policy is concerned with the whole school approach to the health care and management of those members of the School community suffering from specific, potentially severe nut allergies.

RATIONALE:

The School recognises that a number of students have potentially life threatening allergies to certain foods. The School seeks parent and staff support towards maintaining a minimised risk environment, whilst ensuring effective medical response to potential anaphylactic episodes.

PROCEDURES:

KRB shall provide Anaphylaxis education including the use of adrenalin injection (epipen/anapen) to staff including promoting the completion of ASCIA Anaphylaxis e-training at www.allergy.org.au/training/ ; Communication with parents who will provide comprehensive management plans for at risk students as well as prescribed Epipens/Anapens; Ensure that no foods containing nuts or nut products are supplied by the school either for consumption or any other use e.g. science experiments; alert parents

The School position is not to guarantee a completely allergen free environment, rather: to minimise the risk of exposure, encourage self responsibility, and plan for effective response to possible emergencies.

The School is committed to proactive risk allergy management through:

- the encouragement of self-responsibility and learned avoidance strategies amongst students suffering allergies.
- **provision of** a rigorous staff education / training programme on anaphylaxis.
- **the establishment and documentation of** a comprehensive management plan for the management of special student health needs.
- **the establishment** of specific risk exposure minimisation practices and strategies wherever required within the School operations.
- close **liaison with parents** of students who suffer allergies.
- a focus on the development of a sensitive and caring compassionate community, including regular newsletter communication with parents body seeking support of School approach.

This management approach is congruent with contemporary specialist medical advice, and the School believes educating students to self manage their condition is a skill attuned to their 'real world' situation.

Procedural requirements relating to operational activities following on from policy should not be confused with the policy itself. They are properly labelled guidelines, procedures, framework, etc.