

Southern Cross Early Childhood School



Southern Cross Early Childhood School is committed to the provision of a safe environment for all children, staff and community members.

This plan complements all of the relevant ACT Education and Training Directorate policies:

ACT Government Health and Safety Policy – First Aid (pp. 19-24)

References:

DECD (2012)
Anaphylaxis – planning and support guide for education and children’s services. South Australian Government Department for Education and Child Development.

Anaphylaxis Management Plan

The following guidelines apply to all staff at Southern Cross Early Childhood School.

Administration of Medicine for Anaphylaxis

The school accepts responsibility for the administration of prescribed medication for anaphylaxis (for example, antihistamines and EpiPen) to students if the principal or relevant staff have obtained written agreement for the administration of medicine from the student’s parent or doctor. The agreement should describe any necessary directions and precautions.

EpiPen Training

The principal will ensure that:

- All permanent staff are trained in the use of the EpiPen
- That all staff are aware of the practices and procedures at the school for the prevention and management of anaphylaxis
- Any current Anaphylaxis Action Plans are displayed on relevant classroom walls and in rolls
- An EpiPen and student Anaphylaxis Action Plans are readily accessible in classrooms and on the playground

Any staff member who is not prepared to administer an EpiPen must inform the principal.

Bee-hives and wasp nests

The principal will regularly remind staff to be vigilant and report any sightings of bee-hives and wasp nests. The principal will ensure that these are removed as soon as possible.

Food Restrictions

Possible triggers for anaphylactic reactions, including those listed in student Anaphylaxis Action Plans, will be excluded from the school environment.

Communication between school and home will regularly include instructions that excluded foods are not to be brought into the school environment.

Signs will be displayed within the school reminding all community members of the food restrictions. These signs will be updated regularly to match student Anaphylaxis Action Plans.