

URGENT NOTICE

Student Safety Issue – ANAPHYLAXIS

ALLERGY AWARENESS – ANAPHYLAXIS*

* *anaphylaxis = severe or extreme allergic reaction*

There are a number of students at Holy Spirit College with life threatening allergies (anaphylaxis), who **are at high risk of experiencing EXTREME (even life-threatening) anaphylactic reactions in certain circumstances.**

To assist schools (like ours) in the management of anaphylaxis, the Diocesan Education Office has developed a policy which outlines the importance of education and awareness of anaphylaxis to all within our community and which provides directions on ways to minimise the exposure to life threatening allergens.

The purpose of the policy is to enable schools to create a safe learning environment and to reduce the risk of a potential life threatening situation occurring.

A number of practical steps are being undertaken to enhance the safety of Students with life threatening allergies:

All Parents and Students are asked to consider the type of food they pack for lunches and to NOT PACK certain food types, such as nuts and nut products (Nutella, peanut paste, satay products, etc.) and eggs.

This will greatly minimise the risk of exposure to dangerous allergens.

STAFF HAVE RECEIVED TRAINING in the identification of the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis and emergency first aid.

Our Canteen (The Spirit Café) does not stock peanuts or tree nut products, and foods made on the premises do not contain nuts. (There is no guarantee, however, that externally prepared products do not contain traces of nuts or have been prepared on equipment that also processes nuts.)

Volunteers who home bake are asked to refrain from cooking with nuts and to supply a list of ingredients with their home baking.

Students with life threatening allergies have been identified across all year levels.

We seek the full co-operation of our whole College community to ensure that these students are provided with a safe environment whilst in the school setting.

Your support with such procedures is greatly APPRECIATED.

As a College, we seek to do everything we can to assist these at-risk students to remain safe whilst at school.