

Individuals diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis are prescribed an adrenaline autoinjector for use in an emergency. These adrenaline autoinjectors are designed so that anyone can use them in an emergency.

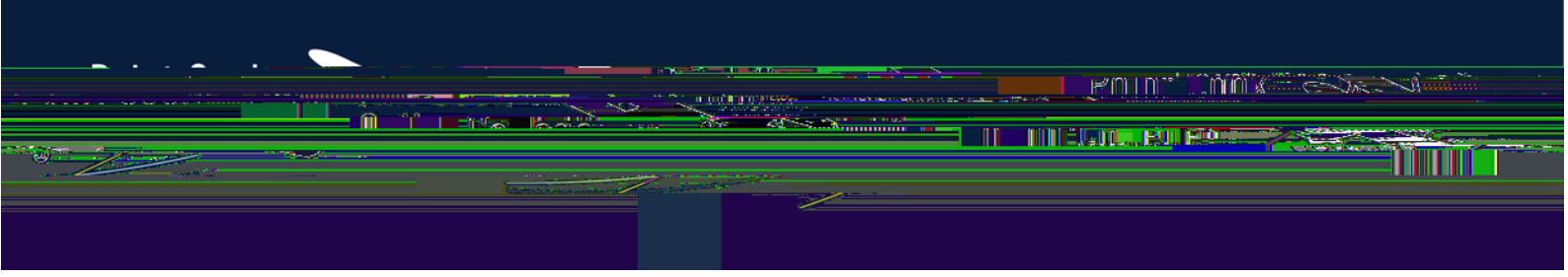
All students at Point Cook P-9 College who are diagnosed by a medical practitioner as being at risk of suffering from an anaphylactic reaction must have an Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan. When notified of an anaphylaxis diagnosis, the Principal of Point Cook P-9 College is responsible for developing a plan in consultation with the student's parents/carers.

Where necessary, an Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan will be in place as soon as practicable after a student enrolls at Point Cook P-9 College and where possible, before the student's first day.

Parents and carers must:

- obtain an ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis from the student's medical practitioner and provide a copy to the school as soon as practicable
- immediately inform the school in writing if there is a relevant change in the student's medical condition and obtain an





those that do not will be stored and labelled with their name at Point Cook P-9 College, Sick Bay, together with adrenaline autoinjectors for general use.

To reduce the risk of a student suffering from an anaphylactic reaction at Point Cook P-9 College, we have put in place the following strategies:

- staff and students are regularly reminded to wash their hands after eating.
- students are discouraged from sharing food.
- garbage bins at school are to remain covered with lids to reduce the risk of attracting insects
- gloves must be worn and/or tongs to be used when picking up papers or rubbish in the playground;
- school canteen staff are trained in appropriate food handling to reduce the risk of cross-contamination
- year groups will be informed of allergens that must be avoided in advance of class parties, events or birthdays
- a general use adrenaline autoinjector will be stored at the school canteen, office and in the yard duty bag for ease of access.
- Planning for off-site activities will include risk minimisation strategies for students at risk of anaphylaxis including supervision requirements, appropriate number of trained staff, emergency response procedures and other risk controls appropriate to the activity and students attending.

Point Cook P-9 College will maintain a supply of adrenaline autoinjectors for general use, as a back-up to those provided by parents and carers for specific students, and also for students who may suffer from a first time reaction at school.

Adrenaline autoinjectors for general use will be stored at the College Sickbay and labelled " general use" .

The Principal is responsible for arranging the purchase of adrenaline autoinjectors for general use, and will consider:

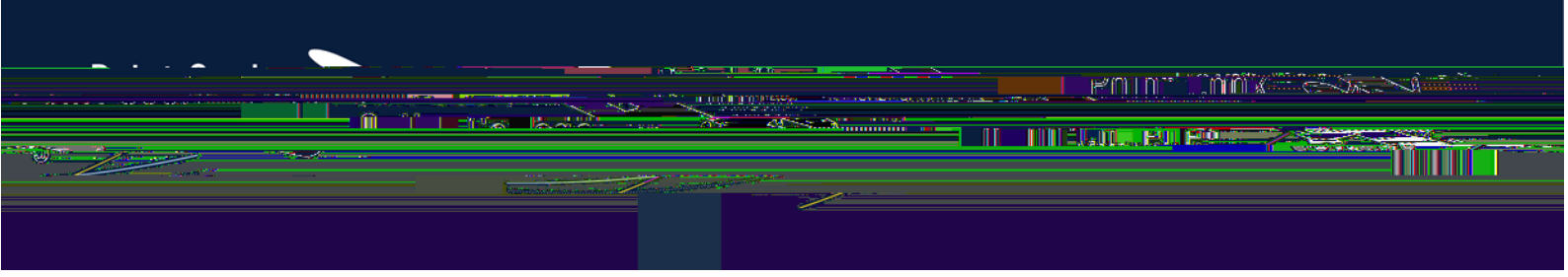
- the number of students enrolled at Point Cook P-9 College at risk of anaphylaxis
- the accessibility of adrenaline autoinjectors supplied by parents.
- the availability of a sufficient supply of autoinjectors for general use in different locations at the school, as well as at camps, excursions and events
- the limited life span of adrenaline autoinjectors, and the need for general use adrenaline autoinjectors to be replaced when used or prior to expiry
- the weight of the students at risk of anaphylaxis to determine the correct dosage of adrenaline autoinjector/s to purchase.

In the event of an anaphylactic reaction, the emergency response procedures in this policy must be followed, together with the school's general first aid procedures, emergency response procedures and the student's Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan.

A complete and up-to-date list of students identified as being at risk of anaphylaxis is maintained by Desiree Rethus, the school nurse and stored at the College Sick Bay. For camps, excursions and special events, a designated staff member will be responsible for maintaining a list of students at risk of anaphylaxis attending the special event, together with their Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plans and adrenaline autoinjectors, where appropriate.

If a student experiences an anaphylactic reaction at school or during a school activity, school staff must:

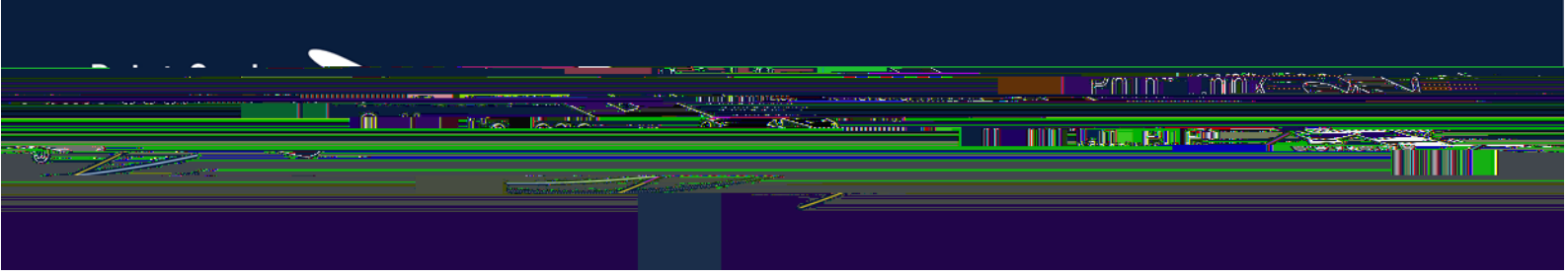
1.	<p>Lay the person flat</p> <p>Do not allow them to stand or walk</p> <p>If breathing is difficult, allow them to sit</p> <p>Be calm and reassuring</p> <p>Do not leave them alone</p>
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Seek assistance from another staff member or reliable student to locate the student's adrenaline autoinjector or the school's general use autoinjector, and the student's Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan, stored at the College Sick Bay.
If the student's plan is not immediately available, or they appear to be experiencing a first time reaction, follow steps 2 to 5

2. Administer an EpiPen® or EpiPen® Jr
Remove from plastic container
Form a fist around the EpiPen®

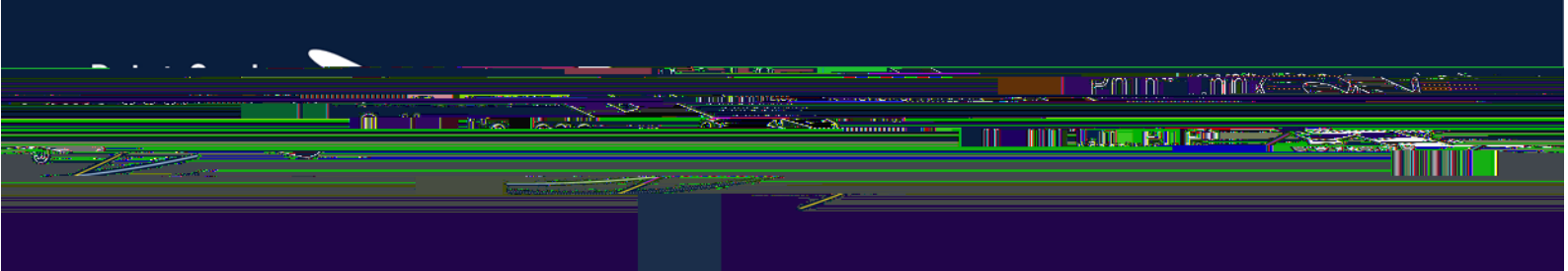




who are responsible for the care and/or supervision of students who are identified as being at risk of anaphylaxis will also receive a verbal briefing on this policy, their role in responding to an anaphylactic reaction and where required, the identity of students at risk.

The Principal is also responsible for ensuring relevant staff are trained and briefed in anaphylaxis management, consistent with the Department's [Anaphylaxis Guidelines](#).





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