~ ANAPHYLAXIS ~

Rationale:

• Anaphylaxis is an acute allergic reaction to certain food items and insect stings. The condition develops in approximately 1-2% of the population. The most common allergens are nuts, eggs, cow’s milk and bee or other insect stings, and some medications.

Aims:

• To provide a safe and healthy school environment that takes into consideration the needs of all students, including those who may suffer from anaphylaxis.

When on camp with other schools ensure students do not bring any food that has nuts as an ingredient.

Implementation:

• Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening condition.
• Anaphylaxis is best prevented by knowing and avoiding the allergens.

Our school will manage anaphylaxis by:-

☐ Ensuring that Yea Primary School is a nut free school and that parents do not send nut items to school, when we have a student enrolled or teacher who is anaphylactic.
☐ Identifying susceptible students and knowing their allergens.
☐ Informing the school community about anaphylaxis via the newsletter, when required
☐ Not allowing food sharing and restricting food to that approved by parents.
☐ Keeping the lawns well mown, and ensuring children always wear shoes outside.
☐ Requiring parents to provide an emergency management plan developed by a health professional and an EpiPen if necessary. The emergency management plan will be prominent in the child’s classroom, staffroom and First Aid room for reference as required.
☐ Ensuring staff are provided with regular professional development on the identification and response to anaphylaxis, and the proper use of an EpiPen.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

Date Ratified at School Council ___________ Principal Signature _______________________
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