MANSFIELD SECONDARY COLLEGE
ANAPHYLAXIS POLICY

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RATIONALE

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening therefore it is important for teachers to be aware of anaphylaxis, its symptoms and triggers and, most importantly, the management of anaphylaxis in the school environment.

PURPOSE

- To provide a broad health education following the Implementation Guidelines as set down by the Department of Education and Early Childhood in the management of Anaphylaxis and the use of an Epipen.
- To provide professional development that will facilitate the implementation of broad health education.
- To engender non-discriminatory attitudes and practices.

GUIDELINES

- An Anaphylaxis Management Plan for the student will be developed in consultation with the student’s parents/carers and medical practitioner.
- Strong communication between the school and parents of students with allergies will be promoted.
- Regular training and updates will be provided for school staff in recognising and responding appropriately to an anaphylactic reaction including competent administration of an Epipen. In particular, training in the use of Epipen / Anapen occur biannually at the first staff meeting of each semester.

IMPLEMENTATION

- At the commencement of every year all Epipen Plan forms will be updated by parents and the First Aid Officer.
- A comprehensive health education and community awareness program will be implemented throughout the school.
- Epipens will provided by parents and these will be kept in the Staff Room.
- The First Aid Officer is responsible for informing parents when Epipens need replacing.
• The School community will be kept informed of any new developments via the school newsletter.

EVALUATION

• The Principal will monitor overall implementation.
• The First Aid Coordinator will be responsible for regular review of the program.