



Allergies Policy

Queanbeyan and District Preschool Association recognises that the provision of a safe and healthy environment is the responsibility of all concerned – parents, educators, management committee and children. To ensure a safe environment for a child with allergies, it is essential that effective communication (both written and verbal) be established between parents and educators. The Association endeavours to maintain a nut-free environment and will educate the children accordingly.

Enrolment

Provision is made on the enrolment card for the listing of allergies. It is the parent's responsibility to inform the educators of any substance that their child may be allergic to. It is the Teacher's responsibility to ensure that all educators are aware of allergies affecting individual children.

A list of allergies affecting individual children will be displayed in a prominent position. Risk Minimisation Forms filled out in collaboration with parents.

All reasonable steps will be taken to ensure that the child avoids contact with the allergen whilst at preschool:

- With cooking activities, consideration will be made of children who have allergies (please refer to the lists up in the classroom).
- Grass will be kept mown to avoid flowering clover that attracts bees.
- A child who is allergic to the soap or sunscreen provided at preschool will be asked to bring in a suitable alternative from home.
- Children will be discouraged from sharing food.

Severe Allergies

In some cases an allergy may be so severe that a child may suffer an anaphylactic reaction to the substance. For example, a child with a severe allergy to peanuts may experience breathing difficulties if there is contact with peanut butter.

In such cases, it is essential that the parents provide a management plan for educators to follow. This may involve administering first aid, or it may involve immediate transport to hospital by an ambulance.

All educators will be trained in first aid to follow in the case of a child experiencing a severe allergic reaction, and a management plan will be displayed to ensure correct procedure. Educators will be asked to sign that they have read the procedure to acknowledge that:

- They are familiar with the procedure.
- They have had adequate training to administer first aid in the case of an emergency.



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- All educators will be trained in appropriate procedures e.g. Epi-pen administration, and will be updated as required.
- All children with life threatening allergies will have a Medical Management Plan prior to starting preschool.

Further reading:

1. Queanbeyan and District Preschool Association, Infection Control Policy
2. Education & Care Services National Regulations 2011
3. Children (Education and Care Services National Law Application) Act 2010
4. Queanbeyan and District Preschool Association, Health & Safety Policy
5. Staying Healthy (5th Edition) “Preventing infectious diseases in EC Education & Care Services.”



Child's Name:		
Medical Condition:		
Staff Name	Date	Staff Signature



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