



Chicken Coop and Anaphylaxis Policy

RATIONALE

The chicken coop will provide an opportunity for students to learn to care for animals in a responsible manner. Children will gain real life experiences of the life cycle of chickens and will further develop an understanding of the cycle of composting and manure. The keeping of chickens will further extend our sustainability program.

AIM

- To provide a safe and healthy school environment with consideration to the management of the chicken coop that takes into consideration the needs of students, specifically those who may suffer from anaphylaxis to eggs.
- To ensure that students who suffer from egg-based anaphylaxis are protected from potential harm.

IMPLEMENTATION

Our school will manage the chicken coop and students with anaphylaxis by following these protocols:

- Students with egg anaphylaxis are not to enter the vegetable garden.
- Staff members will ensure students who have egg anaphylaxis will not be rostered on egg collection or feeding duty.
- Conducting briefings in all classes at the beginning of each year to ensure that students are aware of health issues when interacting with the chickens or cooking with eggs.
- Ensuring staff are provided with professional development which identifies symptoms and processes in the event of an anaphylactic reaction, the appropriate response to anaphylaxis and the proper use of an EpiPen, see Anaphylaxis Management Policy
- A sealed container of kitty litter will be kept in the chicken coop so in the event of an egg being broken, the matter can immediately be covered and a staff member called to remove the spillage and wash the area.
- Students and staff members who have been in contact with the chickens must wash their hands afterwards.
- A sign will be placed on the outside of the vegetable garden advising people with an allergy to eggs not to enter the coop area.

REFERENCES

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/Pages/spag.aspx>

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed in conjunction with the Anaphylaxis Management Policy on a yearly basis.

Ratified by School Council:	2/12/21
Review Date:	2022

Appendix A - sign placed on the gates to garden and coop area

If you are allergic to
eggs, we suggest you
don't enter the chicken
coop area.

