

Technology

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Medical Information Request for Students with a Health Condition

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Principal Mr M Townsend

Deputy Principals Mr B Clements Mrs A Gatt Mr M Fisher

Dear Parents/Carers

Cherrybrook Technology High School is currently reviewing all student health care plans and updating Individual Health Care Plans as per Department of Education policy.

If your child has a health condition which may require support at school or when involved in school activities, for example school excursions, the enclosed Individual Health Care Plan Cover Sheet and Parent consent for a doctor to provide information about their child's heath condition must be completed by parents and carers.

These conditions include Anaphylaxis, Severe Asthma and Serious Medical Conditions (eg Diabetes, Epilepsy etc).

While the main role of the school is to provide education, we would like to support you by keeping your child healthy and safe at school.

Please complete and sign these forms, on the basis of information provided by your doctor.

We ask you to please return the attached information to the school via email - only if your child has a serious medical condition.

Please advise the Head Teacher Wellbeing at any time if there are changes to the information about your child's health care needs at peter.hind@det.nsw.edu.au

Yours sincerely

Mr Matt Townsend

Principal

Mr Peter Hind Head Teacher Wellbeing



Individual Health Care Plan Cover Sheet

This template forms the cover sheet for an individual health care plan. Additional information and attachments will be relevant to meet the specific health care needs of the student.

The individual health care plan must address the needs of the student in the context of the school and the activities the student will be involved in. Planning must take into account the student's full range of learning and support needs.

The individual health care plan is developed in consultation with the parent, staff and student, where practicable, and on the basis of information from the student's doctor, provided by the parent.

For more information see http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/index.php and for students with anaphylaxis see the Anaphylaxis Procedures for Schools.

The plan will be reviewed on:

NOTE: Individual health care plans should be reviewed at least annually or when the parent notifies the school that the student's health needs have changed. Principals can also instigate a review of the health care plan at other times.

School	Cherrybrook Technology High School		Phone	9484 2144
Principals Network	Hills Network			
Student name	Class			
Date of birth		Medica	re number	
ERN/Student number				
Health condition/s				
If anaphylaxis, list the confirmed allergies				
Learning and support needs of the student (including learning difficulties, behaviour difficulties and other disabilities)				
Impact of any of the conditions (as mentioned above) on implementation of this individual health care plan				
Medication/s at school				

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Medication supply, storage and replacement. For anaphylaxis this will include the adrenaline autoinjector	
Other support at school	
Parent/Carer contacts:	Parent/Carer information (1)
	First name
	Surname
	Relationship to child
	Address
	Home phone
	Work phone
	Mobile phone
	Parent/Carer information (2)
	First name
	Surname
	Relationship to child
	Address
	Home phone
	Work phone
	Mobile phone:
Emergency contacts (if parent/carer unavailable)	First name
parenteuror unavanasie,	Surname
	Relationship to child
	Address
	Home phone
	Work phone
	Mobile phone

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Medical practitioner / doctor contact:	First name			
	Surname			
	Address			
	Phone			
	Mobile (if known)			
	Email (if known)			
	Fax (if known)			
Emergency Care Notes: An emergency care/response plan is required if the student is diagnosed at risk of a medical emergency at school. For students at risk of anaphylaxis the ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis is the emergency response plan. This plan is obtained by the parent from the student's doctor and not developed by the school.				
Emergency Service Conta	acts: (eg ambulance, l	ocal hospital, medical centre)		
1.				
2.				
3.				
In the event an ambulance	is called, schools can p	orint an ambulance report from within ERN for the student.		
Special medical notes Any special medical notes relating to religion, culture of legal issues, eg. Blood transfusions. Note: If the student is transferred to the care of medical personnel, eg. Paramedics this information, will if practicable in the circumstances, be provided to those personnel. It will be a matter for the professional judgment of the medical personnel whether to act on the information.				
Documents attached Please tick which of the following	owing documents are a	attached as part of the individual health care plan:		
An emergency care/response plan (for anaphylaxis this is the ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis)				
A statement of the agreed responsibilities of different people involved in the student's support				
A schedule for the administration of prescribed medication				
A schedule for the adm	A schedule for the administration of health care procedures			
An authorisation for the	An authorisation for the doctor to provide health information to the school			
Other documents – please specify. Note: For anaphylaxis this should include strategies to minimise the risk of exposure to known allergens and details of communication and staff training strategies. See the Anaphylaxis Procedures for Schools for further information.				

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Consultation This individual health care plan has been developed as part of indicated below and overleaf and with the knowledge and achieve has been provided by:				
Student Parent/Carer] GP	Medical Specialist		
Department staff involved in plan development				
1. Peter Hind	Phone:	9484 2144		
2. Alison Gatt	Phone:	9484 2144		
3. Joanne Ede	Phone:	9484 2144		
4.	Phone:			
5.	Phone:			
Health care personnel involved in managing the student's Therapist)	health at schoo	ol: (eg Community Nurse,		
1.	Phone:			
2.	Phone:			
3.	Phone:			
4.	Phone:			
Signature of Parent/Carer:	Date			
Signature of Head Teacher Wellbeing, Mr Peter Hind:	Date			
NOTES:				
Information in this individual health and emergency care plan remains specific to meet the needs of the individual student named and should not be applied to the care of any other student with similar health and emergency care needs. All individual health and emergency care plans must take into account issues of confidentiality and privacy to ensure information about the student is treated appropriately.				
The school and the Department are subject to the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. The information on this form is being collected for the primary purpose of ensuring the health and safety of students, staff and visitors to the school. It may be used and disclosed to medical practitioners, health workers including ambulance officers and nurses, government departments or other schools (government and non-government) for this primary purpose or for other related purposes and as required by law. It will be stored securely in the school.				

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Parent consent for a doctor to provide information about their child's health condition

This form is to be completed by the parent.
My child,, is currently enrolled or applying for enrolment at Cherrybrook Technology High School.
I understand the school may need to discuss the implications of my son/daughter's medical condition so the school can provide support for him/her during school hours.
I give my permission for the doctor named below to give the school information about how to manage my son/daughter's health condition at school.
Doctor's information:
Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email:
Fax:
I understand the information given may be discussed by the Principal of the school with other members of school staff, as is necessary, enabling staff to care for my child.
Parent/Carer's Name:
Parent/Carer's Signature: Date:

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Student Medical Information Booklet Cherrybrook Technology High School

Please Complete this Booklet for Students with Health Conditions &/or Allergies

Students with any health conditions &/or allergies including, asthma, anaphylaxis, diabetes, epilepsy, learning disorders etc:

1. Parent/Carer to complete the Authorisation to Contact Doctor section (Appendix 2).

Students with a Mild or Moderate Allergy:

- 1. Parent/Carer to complete the Students with Allergies section (Appendix 1)
- Doctor to complete the green ASCIA Action Plan for Allergic Reactions (included). MUST BE COLOURED COPY!



Students with **Anaphylaxis**:

- Doctor to complete the Students with Allergies sections (Appendix 1 & 3)
- 2. **Doctor** to complete the **red ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis** (included). MUST BE **COLOURED** COPY!



Students with **Asthma**:

- 1. **Doctor** to complete the **Asthma** section of Appendix 3
- 2. **Doctor** to complete the **blue Asthma Action Plan** (included).



Appendix 1: Students with Allergies



This form is to be completed by the student's Parent / Carer, then returned promptly to the school's First Aid Officer.

The purpose of collecting this information is to identify students who are at risk of a severe allergic reaction. Information provided on this form will be used to assist the school in determining what action needs to be taken in relation to a student with an allergy and may be disclosed where required by law (for example if an ambulance is called to the school).

Stı	udent's full name:					DOB:
1.	A Doctor has diagnosed my child ☐ Insect bite / sting (please s ☐ Medication (please specify ☐ Latex ☐ Other (please specify): ☐ Food • Peanuts	pecify):	'):			
	Tree nuts			No		
	 (if yes, please specify):_ Fish Shellfish Soy Sesame Wheat Milk Egg 	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes		No No No No No No		
	 Other (please specify 					
2.	My child has been prescribed an Yes □ No □	adren	aline	e autoinjec	tor (I	EpiPen® or Anapen®).
3.	My child has a red ASCIA Action Yes □ No □	Plan	for A	Anaphylaxis	s (ple	ease attach and return with this form).
4.	My child has a green ASCIA Actithis form). Yes □ No □	on Pla	an fo	or Allergic F	Reac	tions (please attach and return with
5.	My child has an ASCIA Action Plathis form). Yes □ No □	an for	Dru	g (medicat	on) i	Allergy (please attach and return with
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	e school also requires you to prov nergency, which will be stored in a					utoinjector for your child in case of an e school.
an ad	updated ASCIA Action Plan fo	r Ana	phyl	laxis.To	ensu	tor, the Doctor will also issue you with re your child's safety, the updated the school, as well as carried by your
Pa	rent / Carer's full name:					
	rent / Carer's signature:					
	te·					



Appendix 2: Authorisation to Contact Doctor

	This form is to be completed by the Parent / Carer.	
St	tudent's full name: DOI	В:
My	ly child is currently enrolled or applying for enrolment at Cherrybrook Technolo	gy High School.
Ιu	understand:	
1.	. The school may need to discuss the implications of my child's medical co treating Doctor, so the school can develop and implement an Individual Hea	
2.	The information which may be sought by the school, includes information abo and risk of anaphylaxis and any other condition which might impact on the support for my child during school hours and during activities conducted ur school.	ne school providing
3.	Information provided by the Doctor to the school may be used or disclosed by purposes of the development or implementation of the Individual Health Care the Department of Education / school can contact my child's Doctor to seek in the management of my child's medical condition at school.	Plan. I understand,
4.	I consent to the health care professional identified below, to provide the Depa / school with information about my child's allergy, risk of anaphylaxis and a including a learning disorder, which might impact on the school providing s during school hours and during school-related activities.	any other condition,
	Doctor's information:	
	Name:	
	Address:	
	Phone:	
	Mobile (if known):	
	Email (if known):	
Pa	arent / Carer's full name:	
Pa	arent / Carer's signature:	
Da	rate:	



Appendix 3: Allergies - Information from the Doctor

This form is to be completed by the Doctor. Information provided will be used for the development of the student / patient's Individual Health Care Plan used by their school.

Please provide the appropriate ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis or ASCIA Action Plan for Allergic Reactions for this patient, **completed and signed**. The plans can be accessed from the ASCIA website at http://www.allergy.org.au/health-professionals/anaphylaxis-resources/ascia-action-plan-for-anaphylaxis.

Please complete all parts of the plans so the Parent / Carer can take them to their child's school for use as the school's emergency response plan.

Please include other information or details you believe are important in managing the severe allergy at school and during activities conducted under the care of the school. The additional information requested below will further assist the school in the development of the student's Individual Health Care Plan.

Student's full name:	DOB:
Does the student / patient have asthma?	
Yes □ No □	
2. Does the student / patient have any other health o	onditions?
Yes □ No □	
If yes, please specify:	
 Does the student / patient have any other conduction understand the nature of their anaphylaxis and developmental delay, language challenges, neuroof 	the risk it poses to them. For example
Yes □ No □	
If yes, please specify:	
4. Have you discussed the condition(s) with the stude	ent / patient and their Parent / Carer?
Yes □ No □	
If you require further information, please phone the sc Officer.	hool on 9484 2144 and speak to the First Aid



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Doctor's Information:	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Mobile (if known):	
Email (if known):	
Fax (if known):	
Doctor's signature:	
Date:	
Parent / Carer's Declaration:	
I consent to this information being provided for the school's use so they can develoindividual Health Care Plan for my child.	р а
I understand my child is responsible for carrying their adrenaline autoinjector, as well as ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis and / or asthma medication and plan, at all times.	thei
Parent / Carer's full name:	
Parent / Carer's signature:	
Date:	



ACTION PLAN FOR Allergic Reactions



Photo		Photo		
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Name:	Date of birth: DD / MM / YYYY
Confirmed allergen(s):	
Family/emergency contact(s):	
1	Mobile:
2	Mobile:
Plan prepared by:	(doctor or nurse practitioner)
who authorises medications to be given, as consen	ted by the patient or parent/guardian,
according to this plan.	
Signed:	Date: DD / MM / YYYY
Antihistamine:	Dose:
This plan does not expire but review is recommen	ded by: DD / MM / YYYY

This ASCIA Action Plan for Allergic Reactions is for people who have allergies but do not have a prescribed adrenaline (epinephrine) injector.

MILD TO MODERATE ALLERGIC REACTIONS

- Swelling of lips, face, eyes
- Hives or welts
- Tingling mouth
- · Abdominal pain, vomiting these are signs of anaphylaxis for insect allergy

Mild to moderate allergic reactions may not always occur before anaphylaxis

ACTIONS:

- Stay with person, call for help
- Give antihistamine see above
- Phone family/emergency contact
- Insect allergy flick out sting if visible
- Tick allergy seek medical help or freeze tick and let it drop off

SIGNS OF ANAPHYLAXIS (SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTIONS)

Watch for ANY ONE of the following signs:

- Difficult or noisy breathing
- Swelling of tongue
- Swelling or tightness in throat
- · Wheeze or persistent cough

- Difficulty talking or hoarse voice
- Persistent dizziness or collapse
- Pale and floppy (young children)

ACTIONS FOR ANAPHYLAXIS

1 LAY PERSON FLAT - do NOT allow them to stand or walk

- If unconscious or pregnant, place in recovery position - on left side if pregnant
- If breathing is difficult allow them to sit with legs outstretched
- · Hold young children flat, not upright











2 GIVE ADRENALINE INJECTOR IF AVAILABLE

- 3 Phone ambulance 000 (AU) or 111 (NZ)
- 4 Phone family/emergency contact
- 5 Transfer person to hospital for at least 4 hours of observation

IF IN DOUBT GIVE ADRENALINE INJECTOR

Commence CPR at any time if person is unresponsive and not breathing normally

Adrenaline injector doses are:

- 150 mcg for children 7.5-20kg
- 300 mcg for children over 20kg and adults
- 300 mcg or 500 mcg for children and adults over 50kg

Instructions are on device labels.

ALWAYS GIVE ADRENALINE INJECTOR FIRST and then asthma reliever puffer if someone with known asthma and allergy to food, insects or medication (who may have been exposed to the allergen) has SUDDEN BREATHING **DIFFICULTY** (including wheeze, persistent cough or hoarse voice) even if there are no skin symptoms.

If adrenaline is accidentally injected, phone your local poisons information centre. Continue to follow this action plan for the person with the allergic reaction.



ACTION PLAN FOR Anaphylaxis



Confirmed allergen(s): ___ Family/emergency contact(s): _____ Mobile: _____ 2. ____ __ Mobile: ____ Plan prepared by:___ _ (doctor or nurse practitioner) who authorises medications to be given, as consented by the parent/guardian, according to this plan. Date: DD / MM / YYYY Signed:

This plan does not expire but review is recommended by: DD / MM / YYYYY

How to give adrenaline (epinephrine) injectors

EpiPen®



Form fist around EpiPen® and PULL OFF BLUE SAFETY RELEASE



Hold leg still and PLACE **ORANGE** END against outer mid-thigh (with or without clothing)



PUSH DOWN HARD until a click is heard or felt and hold in place for 3 seconds REMOVE EpiPen®

EpiPen® is prescribed as follows: EpiPen® Jr (150 mcg) for children 7.5-20kg EpiPen® (300 mcg) for children over 20kg and adults

Anapen®



PULL OFF BLACK NEEDLE SHIELD



PULL OFF GREY SAFETY CAP from red button



PLACE NEEDLE END FIRMLY against outer mid-thigh at 90° angle (with or without clothing)



PRESS RED BUTTON so it clicks and hold for 3 seconds. REMOVE Anapen®

Anapen® is prescribed as follows:

Anapen® 150 Junior for children 7.5-20kg Anapen® 300 for children over 20kg and adults Anapen® 500 for children and adults over 50kg

MILD TO MODERATE ALLERGIC REACTIONS

SIGNS:

Antihistamine:

Name:

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- Abdominal pain, vomiting these are signs of anaphylaxis for insect allergy

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ACTIONS:

· Stay with person, call for help

_____ Date of birth: DD / MM / YYYY

- · Locate adrenaline injector
- Give antihistamine see above
- Phone family/emergency contact
- · Insect allergy flick out sting if visible
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2 GIVE ADRENALINE INJECTOR

- 3 Phone ambulance 000 (AU) or 111 (NZ)
- 4 Phone family/emergency contact
- 5 Further adrenaline may be given if no response after 5 minutes
- 6 Transfer person to hospital for at least 4 hours of observation

IF IN DOUBT GIVE ADRENALINE INJECTOR

Commence CPR at any time if person is unresponsive and not breathing normally

ALWAYS GIVE ADRENALINE INJECTOR FIRST, and then asthma reliever puffer if someone with known asthma and allergy to food, insects or medication (who may have been exposed to the allergen) has SUDDEN BREATHING DIFFICULTY (including wheeze, persistent cough or hoarse voice) even if there are no skin symptoms.

If adrenaline is accidentally injected, phone your local poisons information centre. Continue to follow this action plan for the person with the allergic reaction.

ASTHMA ACTION PLAN

Take this ASTHMA ACTION PLAN with you when you visit your doctor

ACTION PLAN FOR	DOCTOR'S CONTACT	DETAILS	EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS
Name	Name		Name
Date	Phone		Phone
Next asthma check-up due			Relationship
WHEN WELL	Asthma under contr	ol (almost no symptoms)	ALWAYS CARRY YOUR RELIEVER WITH YOU
V			Peak flow* (if used) above:
our preventer is: (NAME & STRENGTH)		OTHER INSTRUCTIONS (e.g. other medicines, trigger avoidance, what to do before exercise)	
Take puffs/tablets	times every day	te.g. other medicines, trigger	avoidance, what to do before exercise/
Your reliever is:			
(NAME) Take puffs			
When: You have symptoms like wheezing, coughing			
Use a spacer with your inhaler	S or other thread or breath		
	Asthma getting wors	e (needing more reliever th	an usual, having more symptoms than usual,
WHEN NOT WELL		na, asthma is interfering wi	
Keep taking preventer: (NAME & STRE		I	Peak flow* (if used) between and
(NAME & STRE	NGTH)		
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DANGER SIGNS

Asthma emergency (severe breathing problems, symptoms get worse very quickly, reliever has little or no effect)

DIAL 000 FOR AMBULANCE

Peak flow (if used) below:

Call an ambulance immediately
Say that this is an asthma emergency
Keep taking reliever as often as needed

use your adrenaline autoinjector (EpiPen or Anapen)



nationalasthma.org.au

ASTHMA ACTION PLAN

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR

WHEN WELL



THIS MEANS:

- you have no night-time wheezing, coughing or chest tightness
- you only occasionally have wheezing, coughing or chest tightness during the day
- you need reliever medication only occasionally or before exercise
- · you can do your usual activities without getting asthma symptoms

WHEN NOT WELL



THIS MEANS ANY ONE OF THESE:

- you have night-time wheezing, coughing or chest tightness
- you have morning asthma symptoms when you wake up
- you need to take your reliever more than usual
- your asthma is interfering with your usual activities

THIS IS AN ASTHMA FLARE-UP

IF SYMPTOMS GET WORSE



THIS MEANS:

- you have increasing wheezing, cough, chest tightness or shortness of breath
- you are waking often at night with asthma symptoms
- you need to use your reliever again within 3 hours

THIS IS A SEVERE ASTHMA ATTACK (SEVERE FLARE-UP)

DANGER SIGNS



THIS MEANS:

- your symptoms get worse very quickly
- you have severe shortness of breath, can't speak comfortably or lips look blue
- you get little or no relief from your reliever inhaler

CALL AN AMBULANCE IMMEDIATELY: DIAL 000 SAY THIS IS AN ASTHMA EMERGENCY

DIAL 000 FOR AMBULANCE

ASTHMA MEDICINES

PREVENTERS

Your preventer medicine reduces inflammation, swelling and mucus in the airways of your lungs. Preventers need to be taken **every day**, even when you are well.

Some preventer inhalers contain 2 medicines to help control your asthma (combination inhalers).

RELIEVERS

Your reliever medicine works quickly to make breathing easier by making the airways wider.

Always carry your reliever with you – it is essential for first aid. Do not use your preventer inhaler for quick relief of asthma symptoms unless your doctor has told you to do this.

To order more Asthma Action Plans visit the National Asthma Council website.

A range of action plans are available on the website –
please use the one that best suits your patient.

nationalasthma.org.au

