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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Students with Anaphylaxis within our school community**

As most of you are aware, we have a growing number of children in our school who have severe allergies to certain triggers such as, nuts, eggs, insects' stings. These allergic reactions are extremely serious and can be life threatening in some circumstances.

We currently have children in our school who have severe allergies. For some of these children even inhaling minute particles, or touching an area that has been in contact with these foods is enough to trigger a severe reaction. Therefore we are asking parents for their support in avoiding these foods coming to our Junior and Senior Campuses.

It is the responsibility of Launceston Church Grammar School to minimise risk of injury and harm to all children and in this instance, we really must have the cooperation of the community. The types of foods which are of concern, are those containing nuts such as peanut butter and Nutella.

No child at risk of anaphylaxis who has been prescribed an adrenaline device such as an EpiPen will be allowed onto Launceston Grammar's Junior or Senior campus, including Early Learning and before and after school care, without the accompanying medication; an ASCIA Action Plan; and an individual Management Plan, signed by a family GP or Allergy specialist.

- EpiPens must not be out of expiry date;
- ASCIA action plans must be for the current year;
- Individual management plans must be for the current year;
- Other medications must not to be out of expiry date; and
- A signed permission form completed

We would greatly appreciate your understanding and support in this matter.

To keep our records up to date, please send us written advice of any changes to your child's Anaphylaxis action plan and /or individual Management Plan as they occur.

If you have any concerns, feel free to discuss them with the School Nurse.

Yours sincerely

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