

Camps and remote settings

- Schools must have in place a risk management strategy for students at risk of anaphylaxis for school camps, developed in consultation with the student's parents/carers.
- Camps must be advised in advance of any students with food allergies.
- Staff should liaise with parents/carers to develop alternative menus or allow students to bring their own meals.
- Camps should avoid stocking peanut or tree nut products, including nut spreads. Products that 'may contain' traces of nuts may be served, but not to students who are known to be allergic to nuts.
- Use of other substances containing allergens should be avoided where possible.
- The student's EpiPen®, ASCIA Action Plan and a mobile phone must be taken on camp.
- A team of staff who have been trained in the recognition of anaphylaxis and the administration of the EpiPen® must accompany the student on camp. However, all staff present need to be aware if there is a student at risk of anaphylaxis.
- Staff must develop an emergency procedure that sets out clear roles and responsibilities in the event of an anaphylactic reaction.
- Be aware of local emergency services in the area and how to access them. Liaise with them before the camp.
- The EpiPen® should remain close to the student (and other students if appropriate) and staff must be aware of its location at all times.
- The EpiPen® should be carried in the school first aid kit, although schools can consider allowing students, particularly adolescents, to carry their own EpiPen® on camp. Remember that staff still have a duty of care towards the student even if they do carry their own EpiPen®. Schools can consider purchasing a backup EpiPen® to be kept in the first aid kit.
- Students with anaphylactic responses to insects should always wear closed shoes and long-sleeved garments when outdoors and should be encouraged to stay away from water or flowering plants.
- Cooking and art and craft games should not involve the use of known allergens. Consider the potential exposure to allergens when consuming food on buses and in cabins.
- Refer to section 4.4.2 of the Victorian Government Schools Reference Guide, School excursions www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/referenceguide