Anaphylaxis Policy and Procedures

The safety and wellbeing of your child is of paramount importance to us, including where your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction. It is important that parents notify the school if their child has an allergy.

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sometimes sudden allergic reaction that is potentially life-threatening and always requires an emergency response. As with other serious health conditions, schools put in place strategies to support students at risk of anaphylaxis at school or while they are engaged in school related activities.

At Kiama High School, health care plans are created and supplied to all staff teaching students at risk of anaphylaxis. A colour copy of the Anaphylaxis Action plan, which is completed by the student's doctor, is also supplied to those teachers. See http://www.allergy.org.au for blank copies of these plans. All plans require a recent photo of the student to be attached to the plan.

All staff at Kiama High School were retrained in 2012 on Anaphylaxis, including training in the use of an Epipen adrenaline autoinjector.

Students at risk of Anaphylaxis are required to keep an Epipen in their pencil case, which can be easily transported to all classes and when doing PE/Sport activities outside of the school grounds. If an extra Epipen is provided, it can be stored in the front office as a back up. Kiama High School has purchased 2 spare Epipens, which are always kept in the office in case of emergencies.

Steps for parents enrolling students at Kiama High School with severe allergies:
1. Contact the relevant Year advisor or Head Teacher Welfare and advise them of the student and their needs.
2. Collect or copy an Action plan from http://www.allergy.org.au. Take this to your doctor to complete and attach a recent photo.
3. Bring in your completed colour action plan and ensure that your child has an Epipen in their pencil case and a spare at the office (if available).
4. Staff at Kiama High School will colour copy and laminate your action plan to be displayed in all office areas around the school in addition to providing each teacher with a photocopied personal version and attached Kiama High School Health Care plan. The Action plan will need updating only if the details have changed or the child has significantly changed in appearance.