POLICY: PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE ALLERGIES/ DIABETES/ EPILEPSY AND OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS

1. Rationale
At St Michael’s Primary School, Baulkham Hills, the safety of each student in our care is of paramount importance. The policy reflects the importance that the staff place on ensuring that they are cognizant of the needs of children in their care and that the school policy provides them with the knowledge required for adequately providing duty of care.

2. Aims
To implement a policy that describes practices that the school has put in place to ensure that all staff are able to identify the children who have a severe allergic reaction, have epilepsy / diabetes or other medical conditions.

3. Implementation

3.1 Formulation of steps to be included in the policy through consultation with staff.

3.2 Children described by the policy to wear a school hat that has a white band around the crown.

3.3 If the child is new to St Michael’s parents of these children must provide the school with 8 recent head and shoulder, passport sized, colour photographs of their child. These are placed in the Staffroom (1), Office (1), Canteen (1), Library (1), First Aid bags (1), the child’s classroom (1) and PE room (1) and Music room (1). If the child already attends St Michael’s the photos provided by the School photographer will be used.

3.4 That parents educate their child to the dangers of taking food from any other child.

3.5 For the parent to be aware that while the school accepts ‘duty of care’ it is their primary responsibility to instruct their child on how best to protect himself/herself.

3.6 For children with anaphylaxis that parents provide their child with an epi-pen and a bum bag and that the child wear the bum bag with the epi-pen placed inside it at all times. (While this is the school policy the school however, accepts that individual parents have arrangements in place that they believe best suits their child and his or her circumstances. This may be to leave their child’s epi pen in the office).

3.7 That parents provide the school with a complete recent medical description of their child and steps to be taken in an emergency.

3.8 That the class teacher places a picture of the child in a prominent position in the class roll, the program and any other documentation that may be used by relief or visiting teachers.

3.9 Photographs of severely allergic children, epileptic children, children with diabetes and other medical conditions be placed in the bum bags carried by staff while on duty.

3.10 For the school to inform through the newsletter at the beginning of each term, the danger that children with severe allergic reactions face if exposed to certain products.

3.11 The policy to be shared with the school community.

Evaluation
Policy to be evaluated annually.