# **Key competencies**

## Expressing needs and feelings

- Plan opportunities for students to talk about and research causes and management of allergies through health units, inquiry topics, and science
- Use drama and role play to act out scenarios e.g. how to help someone who is unwell, what a allergic reaction might look like
- Use reading materials, media, and images as discussion starters

#### **Negotiating hazards**

- Plan opportunities for students to identify potential allergy triggers e.g. design posters, create short films
- Role play what to do in emergency situations when others show warning signs and symptoms of an allergic reaction
- Increase student awareness of reading food labels, providing allergy-friendly baking for school stalls
- Support students to self manage by identifying personal safety measures e.g. wearing long sleeves and shoes if allergic to insect bites

## Respecting their peers

- Develop support strategies and tips for keeping peers with allergies safe e.g. don't share food items, wash hands before and after eating
- Discuss what it might happen if someone was tricked into eating something they are allergic to

## Making safe decisions

Use trips, camps, and school activities as an authentic context for:

- discussing making safe decisions e.g. identifying risky food, sharing food, times when students might need to carry their own EpiPen, or recognise they need to take allergy medication
- identifying areas, equipment or materials that could pose potential risk e.g. long grass, insects

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