



Beerwah State High School

Aerosol/Spray cans and severe health concerns

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have had several occurrences of a staff member having a severe allergic reaction to deodorant spray/aerosol. This has resulted in emergency medical treatment for the staff member and life threatening breathing difficulties. In the past the school has had students with a similar anaphylactic reaction to deodorant sprays and other aerosols. There is already a ban on spray cans for this and other reasons, but some students are continuing to bring them to school hence the allergic and life threatening situations over the last few weeks.

As such the school will now undertake significant consequences for students who refuse to follow these lifesaving rules.

ANY student found with spray deodorant at school may be suspended.

We must take this action to prevent any further workplace injuries to staff or students. The same rules will apply to staff or visitors to the school with the ban on spray deodorants.

Students are still able to bring pump action or roll on deodorant, but due to the risk of serious illness or death, students must not bring spray deodorant or other aerosols to school.

I am sure that those of you with allergies understand the need to undertake this action and this new policy will help prevent any further danger to staff or students. Thank you for discussing this matter with your child(ren) and we appreciate your assistance in ensuring that all students will abide by the new school policy.

Yours faithfully

Glen Robinson

Principal