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## FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

*Coroners Act 2009, sections 81 & 82. Form 17*

Case number 2011/00389562  
Inquest into the death of RAYMOND CHO

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Hearing Dates 10 December 2012, 11 December 2012, 12 December 2012, 13 December 2012, 14 December 2012  
Date of Findings 14 December 2012  
Place of Findings NSW State Coroners Court  
Coroner State Coroner M Jerram

### Findings:

I find that Raymond Cho died at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Camperdown, on 24/05/2011 of a Hypoxic Brain Injury secondary to an Anaphylaxis caused by his ingestion of walnuts.

### Recommendations:

To the Minister for Education NSW -

1. That the Department communicate to secondary students and their parents that students are actively encouraged, where known to suffer asthma and/or allergies, to carry on their persons their own ventolin and /or auto-injectors, in addition to those held by the school.
2. That the department consult immediately with the Anaphylactic Education Programme Governance Group - including the Ministry of Health, ASCIA, Anaphylaxis and Allergy Australia (A & AA), the Catholic Education Commission and the Association of Independent Schools - to explore the further need for improvements in the on going management of students at risk from Anaphylaxis or Asthma. In particular,
  - (i) to improve the quality and provision of training face to face of teachers and other staff by Anaphylaxis course educations.

- (ii) To improve the Anaphylaxis action plans displayed in schools
  - (iii) to make clearer on auto-injectors the instructions for use.
3. That the Department consider restricting as far as possible the availability of nuts on school premises and elimination of the use of nuts in school cooking classes.

**Representation:**

Assisting the Coroner	Warwick Hunt
Representing the Family	Michael Cranitch SC
Other Parties	Michael Fordham SC for Dept. of Education Mr Gregg for Dr Emder

**Signed**

State Coroner M Jerram  
State Coroner

**Date** 1 February 2013