

# HEAD LICE

## POLICY

### Rationale:

- The school plays a role in identifying, detecting and minimising the spread of head lice within the school by informing families.

### Implementation:

- Parents have the primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice.
- All parents will be asked for their written approval for school trained volunteers to be permitted to check students' hair.
- Parents unwilling to give this approval will be asked to sign a form verifying that they will regularly check their children's hair at home, particularly when a number of cases have been reported.
- Regular head lice checks will be carried out at the discretion of the Principal according to the incidence of cases reported. There will be a minimum of one check per term. Parents are requested to notify the school if they find that their children are affected by head lice.
- Where cases of live head lice are discovered, children will be excluded from school until the day after appropriate treatment has started (according to 'Exclusion under the Health Regulations 2005').
- Children will be re-admitted to school after treatment when the head lice statement has been signed by the parent and returned to the classroom teacher.
- All children screened will be provided with a confidential report indicating to parents the results of the screening, as well as advice on the management of head lice.
- Where cases of eggs are discovered the child wont be excluded however a phone call will be made for the child to be treated at home that night.
- At the discretion of the Principal in extreme circumstances students may be treated at school with the written or verbal consent of the parent of guardian.

### Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed regularly as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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