

HEAD LICE POLICY

Rationale

While parents/guardians have primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice, schools also have a role in the management of head lice infections and providing information for parents/guardians and students.

Aim

- To minimise the spread of head lice

Implementation

1. The School will distribute information on the detection, treatment and control of head lice to parents/guardians and staff, as it becomes available.
2. Consent will be sought from parent/guardian for any inspection program to be implemented by the School.
3. In cases where head lice are found, the School will make appropriate contact with parents/guardians.
4. Schools are required to exclude infected students until the day after treatment has commenced (as set out in the Victorian *Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001, School Exclusion Table*). There is no requirement for a general practitioner or local council to issue a clearance certificate in order for the child to return to school. Parents/guardians should be made aware that one treatment may not be sufficient to manage the problem.

Evaluation

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