



Head Lice

1.0 Rationale

To eradicate head lice.

2.0 Goals

- To educate the school community in detection, control, treatment and prevention.
- To respond to reports of head lice quickly and effectively.

3.0 Implementation

- Distribute up to date information on the detection, treatment and control of head lice to parents at the beginning of every year and as cases arise.
- A requirement that parents refrain from sending their children to school with untreated head lice (in accordance with the Health Infectious Disease Regulations 2001). If a student attends with live lice the school will exclude the student until the live insects have been removed.
- Provide clear protocols for any inspection programs, including obtaining written parental permission for all inspections and organising inspection programs as required.
- When an inspection has occurred, a letter of notification will be sent home to parents. Students found to have head lice will receive a confidential slip which will indicate the necessity for treatment.

4.0 Resources

- Website and pamphlets (Health Department), which can be accessed at:

http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/resources_pages/school.htm

http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/stuman/wellbeing/Suggestions_for_the_development_of_a_school_head_lice_policy.doc

5.0 Evaluation

This Policy will be reviewed as part of the School's three year policy cycle, or as required.

6.0 End of Document