



Wattle Park Primary School

HEADLICE POLICY – Draft

PURPOSE

- To respond to reports of head lice quickly and effectively.
- To ensure that an effective process for treating head lice is well known and consistently followed.
- To ensure that parents and guardians are well informed about head lice treatment.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

- While it is parents who have the primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice on their children, the school will assist by offering: up-to-date information, access to a screening process and by alerting parents of lice when detected.
- Consistent with Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001, the principal will ensure that the parents of any student found to have live lice are informed that their child is to be excluded from attending school until appropriate treatment has commenced.
- The principal will also provide parents of students found to have live lice with information about head lice treatment and prevention.
- Upon their return to school, parents of excluded students must present the signed declaration ('Action Taken Form') indicating that appropriate treatment has commenced.
- The class that is affected is sent a 'Parent Communication – Action Required' note which they must return, signed, stating that they have either checked their child's hair that night or treated it. The slips must be returned to class teacher within 24 hours.
- A reminder will go out in 7 days from the initial note to recheck their child's hair and seven days after that.
- The notices will be sent home on colored paper.

EVALUATION

The principal, staff and school community will undertake evaluation of the policy and program.

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