



ALBANY RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Head Lice Policy

RATIFIED BY SCHOOL COUNCIL: 20th June 2018

REVIEW DATE: 2021

PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To respond to reports of head lice (pediculosis) quickly and effectively.
- 1.2 To ensure that an effective process for treating head lice is well known and consistently followed.
- 1.3 To ensure that parents and guardians are well informed about head lice treatment.
- 1.4 To reduce the spread of head lice in the school community.

GUIDELINES:

- 2.1 Head lice cannot fly, hop or jump. They spread from person to person by head to head contact, and may also be spread by the sharing of personal items such as combs, brushes and hats. The sharing of such items is strongly discouraged at school.
- 2.2 To reduce the spread of head lice, students with longer hair are strongly encouraged to ensure loose hair is secured, to prevent their hair having contact with other students.
- 2.3 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, by offering a screening process, and by alerting parents of lice when detected.
- 2.4 The school will ask parents to sign the standard permission form upon enrolment, allowing their children to be screened by trained personnel for the presence of head lice. Only children whose parents have returned the standard permission form will be checked.
- 2.5 All children screened will be provided with a confidential report indicating to parents the results of the screening (see Form2 below), as well as advice on the latest information regarding head lice.
- 2.6 Consistent with Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001, the school will ensure that the parents of any child found to have live lice are informed that their child is to be excluded from attending school until appropriate treatment has commenced.
- 2.7 The school will also provide parents of children found to have live lice with information about head lice treatment and prevention.
- 2.8 Upon their return to school, parents of excluded children must present the signed declaration on Form2 indicating that appropriate treatment has commenced.
- 2.9 The principal will ensure that information relating to the prevention and eradication of head lice appears throughout the year in the school newsletter, particularly at times of heavy outbreaks.

References:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/health/pages/headlice.aspx>

Principal: _____

School Council President: _____

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Head Lice Inspection Report Sheet- Form 2

Your child was checked today by staff at school for the presence of head lice.

The results of the check are:

- No lice or eggs detected.
- Dead eggs were found.
- Live eggs were found.
- Live lice were found.

Therefore the following action is required:-

- No action required.
- Child's hair must be treated with a method that has killed or removed live lice before the child is returned to school.

Please Note: All children who are found to have live eggs will be re-checked by trained staff soon after returning to school to ensure the infestation has been effectively treated.

Regards

Judy Drew
Principal

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HEAD LICE TREATMENT REPLY SLIP

If your child has been detected with live lice, this reply slip must be returned to school at the same time that your child returns.

- I have treated my child's head in a manner that has killed or removed the live lice.
- I would like more information regarding recommendation for the removal of eggs and lice using hair conditioner and a fine toothed comb.

Child's Name:..... Parent Signature:.....

Child's Class:.....