



Mildura Specialist School No. 5251

Head Lice Policy

Rationale:

As a school community, we share the responsibility to control and manage head lice infections. Head lice have been around for many thousands of years and cannot be eradicated. Supporting each other to minimise their spread is vital.

Aim:

Our school community will work in a cooperative and collaborative manner to assist all families to manage head lice effectively.

Implementation:

- The school will distribute up-to-date information on the detection, treatment and control of head lice to parents/guardians/carers and staff as required.
- The school will seek consent from parents/guardians/carers to conduct head lice checks.
- School Council will authorise the principal to nominate trained personnel to conduct head lice inspections.
- The school will organise training of appropriate school personnel in detection and management of head lice at the school level.
- When head lice are detected, parents/guardians/carers will be notified to collect their child/children from school and commence treatment.
- A letter of notification will be given to parents/guardians/carers of those students found to have head lice. This letter will incorporate a detachable slip asking parents/guardians/carers to indicate that treatment has commenced. The detachable slip is to be given to the school when the child returns.
- Students will receive clearance from trained personnel prior to school re-entry.
- The school will request parents/guardians/carers not to send their child/children to school with untreated head lice.
- Parents/guardians/carers are requested to notify the school as soon as possible if their child is infected.
- Parents/guardians/carers will be encouraged to check their child/children regularly.
- Individual management plans as determined by the principal will be developed and implemented where necessary.

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