Fairfield Primary School

Head Lice Policy

Rationale:
Head lice occurs in school aged children and can be a sensitive issue for parents and children. Head lice can be simply and readily treated. Parents have the main responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice. However, the School plays a role in collaboratively supporting parents in providing information resources and alerting parents when the school is aware of head lice outbreaks.

Aim:
To support families in the treatment of head lice
To provide parents with up to date information about head lice

Implementation:
All families will be provided with information, distributed periodically through the newsletter and other school communication processes, about the detection, treatment and control of head lice.

The reference for information about head lice management in the School is the combined Department of Education and Training and Department of Health online resources published at http://health.vic.gov.au/headlice/

Students may return to school once treatment has commenced.

Parents will be alerted by the school using the accompanying proforma (Appendix A) when it becomes aware of head lice in a particular class.

Evaluation:
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s four year review cycle.

This policy was ratified by School Council in 2015
Dear Parents,

It has been reported that there has been a case of head lice in your child’s grade.

Would you please check your child for any signs of head lice and treat if necessary. Up to date information about how to detect and treat head lice can be found at http://health.vic.gov.au/headlice/.

Children may return to school once treatment has commenced.

Thank you for your cooperation.