



Head Lice Policy

Rationale

Head lice occurs in school-aged children and can be a sensitive issue for parents and children. Head lice are simply and readily treated. Parents have the main responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice. The school plays a role in collaboratively supporting parents by providing up to date information 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.

When head lice is detected by parents, they are required to:

- Notify the school via email at fairfieldps@edumail.vic.gov.au
- Undertake treatment. Treatments recognised as effective by the Victorian Government health department can be found at: <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/head-lice>.

Students may attend school once treatment has commenced.

Parents will be alerted, via Compass, when the school becomes aware of head lice in a particular class.

The Department of Education also lists further information on the [detection of head lice and a range of effective treatment options](#).

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of Fairfield Primary School's four-year review cycle in December 2022.

This policy was ratified by School Council in **December 2018**.