



# LAKES ENTRANCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Head Lice Policy

### **Rationale:**

Lakes Entrance Primary School acknowledges that, while parents/guardians have primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice (pediculosis), schools also have a role in the management of head lice infections at school and in providing support for parents/guardians and students.

It is a common understanding that students with head lice have been found in most schools and that most schools will have some students with head lice at any given time. Head lice are only passed by direct hair-to-hair contact with another person who has head lice.

### **Aims:**

To ensure that the spread of head lice is managed in the best way possible with as little disruption to student attendance as possible.

### **Implementation:**

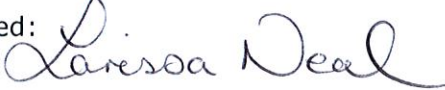
- Parental permission for any inspection will be sought at the beginning of each school year.
- School to nominate a head lice resource/support person who will conduct head lice checks and liaise with parents in regard to head lice prevention.
- Lakes Entrance Primary School will distribute up to date information on the detection, treatment and control of head lice to parents/guardians and staff.
- Talk to students about head lice and precautions they can take to avoid contamination.

### **Intervention:**

- Upon detection of head lice at school the Principal or Assistant Principal or their nominee will notify the parents/guardians of those students who have head lice.
- Students will be excluded from school (according to Health Regulations 2001) until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced. Presence of eggs in the hair is not cause for exclusion.
- A letter will be sent home alerting all parents that there has been head lice detected in the classroom.
- A follow-up inspection will be carried out seven days later, in line with treatment recommendations.
- Parents are requested to notify the school if head lice have been detected at home.

### **Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.

Ratified by School Council	Date: 4 / 8/ 2015	Signed: 
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