

HEAD LICE

POLICY

Ripponlea Primary School will take a proactive approach to minimising the spread of head lice between students.

PURPOSE

The aim of the policy is to:

- respond to reports of head lice quickly and effectively;
- ensure that parents, guardians and students are well informed about head lice and their treatment.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. 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 and by alerting parents of lice when detected.
2. If live lice are found, parents will be phoned and requested to collect the students from school. They will be provided with information about head lice treatment and prevention.
3. When a case of head lice is notified, parents with children in the same level will be notified and provided with information about head lice treatment and prevention.
4. Consistent with *Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001*, the principal 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 the day after appropriate treatment has commenced.
5. 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 infestations.
6. Shoulder length or longer hair should be tied back in line with our Uniform Policy and all students will be encouraged not to share headwear.

REFERENCES:

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

RELATED POLICIES:

- Duty of Care
- Student Engagement and Wellbeing

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