

Head Lice Policy

The presence of head lice in institutions such as schools is an uncomfortable fact of life. The cooperation of all parents is sought in helping to ensure this nuisance does not become a great problem.

Notes are sent home electronically with every member of a core class grouping when a child is found to have head lice. Parents are encouraged to inform the College should they detect head lice in their child's hair.

Notes can be obtained from the administration office when necessary. The administration officer is to be informed. If there are a large number of cases, wider distribution via newsletter may be necessary.

Parent Alert Notice

Dear Parent/Carer,

Head lice have been detected in the school. The parents of all students are being notified via this email.

It is extremely important for you to check your child's head for head lice TODAY.

If you do find head lice, commence treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading.

Remember to keep checking your family member's heads **every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.**

For further information regarding treating head lice, refer to the Department of Health's [Head Lice fact sheet](#). Your local pharmacist can provide advice regarding head lice treatment options and head lice combs.

Because head lice need close head-to-head contact to spread from one person to another, to reduce the spread of head lice, teachers will discourage students from activities which may involve head to head contact.

To reduce your child's risk of getting head lice, make sure that long hair is tied up and discourage children from sharing their brushes and combs and having head to head contact with others.

Remember - Anyone can get head lice – they have no preferences for cleanliness, hair colour, hair type, ethnicity or age.

Yours sincerely,

Brendan Krueger

Principal