



# Head Lice Policy 2017

## **Aims:**

To minimise outbreaks of head lice and to develop an accurate and consistent process to manage and contain the spread of head lice at RGPS.

## **Implementation:**

### **At Home:**

Parents/guardians have primary responsibility for detection and treatment of head lice. Parents/guardians should:

- Regularly, preferably once a week, check for lice or eggs in the hair
- Notify the school:
  - if their child is affected
  - when treatment commenced
- Not send their children to school with untreated head lice.

### **At School:**

School is unable to physically inspect for head lice without written consent. However a visual check without physical contact can be done. If it is determined that a student is affected by head lice during a visual check the school will:

- Notify parents/guardians if their child is affected
- Parent/guardians will be asked to pick up the affected child from school
- They will be given Department of Health FAQ sheet to provide advice and support for treatment

## **Returning to School:**

- Upon returning to school parents/guardians must provide the date the treatment commenced and how it was treated. Until this note is provided the affected student may not return to school.

## **Notification:**

A general note will be sent home to the families of the affected class/area to help stop the spread. The student involved will not be named.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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