

Head Lice Management Policy

Rationale

The head lice management policy will ensure Rosebery Primary School adheres to a consistent and coordinated approach applied in Northern Territory (NT) schools to manage and contain head lice infestations.

Policy Statement

Where a student is suspected of having head lice/nits, the parent will be contacted verbally where possible and the student will be given a note from the school to take home informing the parent of suspected head lice/nits and requesting them to check/treat their child. The school will send out a letter with the class requesting parents to check their child for head lice.

Aims

Staff:

- To provide a learning environment where head lice infestations are managed so to not interrupt student concentration. And to inform parents of possible outbreaks.

Parent:

- To regularly check their child/ren's hair and notify the school if head lice/nits are found.
- In the case that head lice/nits are detected on inspection it is recommended that you begin treatment immediately prior to your child returning to school.

Implementation

- Where head lice/nits are suspected the school will recommend to parents of all students in the relevant class that they check their child for head lice/nits.
- A standard letter will be sent home to inform parents in the relevant class. A return slip is located on the bottom of this letter to be completed notifying the school that treatment has begun.
- School staff will not undertake a physical inspection of a student's head for head lice/nits without formal consent from a parent. School staff can complete a visual inspection for head lice/nits without touching the student.
- Where there is a persistent head lice/nits problem a whole school approach will advise all families to check their child/ren for head lice/nits via a standard letter.

Resources

- DoE's Head Lice Management Policy in the School Environment:
<http://www.education.nt.gov.au/about-us/policies/documents/schools/head-lice-management>

Evaluation

Our Head Lice Management Policy's effectiveness will be measured in accordance with DoE's Head Lice Management Policy.

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Developed by Leadership Team

