



Topic: HEAD LICE POLICY

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Policy Area: COMMUNITY

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1. INTRODUCTION

Assumption Catholic Primary School has developed the following Head Lice Policy in consultation with the parent association, teachers, the Community (School) Nurse and the Department of Health. The aim of this Policy is to ensure a consistent, co-ordinated and co-operative approach to managing head lice in the school community.

2. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Parents' responsibilities are:

- To learn about head lice infestation and management by reading the Department of Health's *Head Lice Fact Sheet*.
- To regularly check their child's hair for head lice infestation.
- To treat their child's hair immediately if the child has head lice, using the advice in the *Head Lice Fact Sheet*.
- To inform the school and other close contacts if their child has a head lice infestation, and to confirm that treatment of their child's hair has commenced.
- To be aware of and follow the school's head lice management policy.

The Community (School) Nurse's role is:

- To provide information, advice and education to parents and the school community about head lice management.
- To provide additional advice for families experiencing persistent head lice infestation.
- To provide additional education about head lice management to Head Lice Resource Parents as requested.

The School's responsibility is:

- Once the school is made aware that Head Lice exists, the parent is notified and asked to take the child home. The school will provide the parent and class information provided by school nurse on Head lice. The student is to remain home from school until treated.

The Head Lice Resource Parent's role is:

- To support and advise parents who have ongoing difficulty in managing their child's head lice infestation.

3. HOW HEAD LICE INFORMATION IS DISSEMINATED

The school takes the following steps to ensure that accurate up-to-date head lice treatment advice is provided to the school community.

The Department of Health's *Head Lice Fact Sheet*:

- Is included in the student enrolment package.
- Is displayed in the school office waiting area, with extra copies available for parents.
- Is sent home to the parents on a regular basis and upon request.
- Is regularly promoted through appropriate channels.

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