

Stansbury Primary School

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HEAD LICE PREVENTION PROCEDURE

developed in 2015, updated 2016, 2017, 2018

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

- During a detected head lice infestation, and at other times, staff will send reminders to families to check their children's hair weekly as a preventative measure.
- Staff will implement learning activities that minimise head to head contact during head lice outbreaks.

What do we do when head lice are detected in a student?

- Once head lice have been detected in a student, they will be removed from direct head to head contact with all students and then all students will be checked.
- When eggs or lice are detected, the student's family will be contacted to collect the students as soon as possible to go home for treatment.
- A note will be sent home with all students so that parents/carers can check their child's hair.

PARENT/CARERS RESPONSIBILITIES:

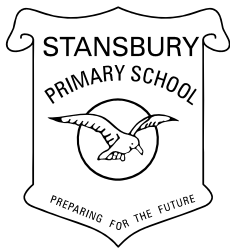
- Use an appropriate head lice treatment to address the infestation.
- Children may return to school/class the following day. Children are required to report to the Principal's office to be checked by a staff member to ensure that eggs and lice have been removed before re-entering class. Parents/caregivers should be present in case there are any discrepancies.
- Ensure their children do not attend school with untreated head lice.
- Where lice are suspected and a parent/caregiver has not given /will not give the school permission to check a child's head, the parents/caregiver will be contacted and asked to collect their child. The child may require a doctor's clearance before returning to school.
- If you find head lice in your child's hair, you must report to the school that your child has head lice and when you treated their hair.

We need you to help break the head lice cycle. Schools, pre-schools and childcare centres are places where children come in close contact with others and may catch head lice. We request parents to check their children weekly especially during an outbreak, as it is not the school's responsibility to check for and manage head lice. If you detect lice or eggs in your child's hair please let the school know so we can alert other parents to check their children's hair. **It is necessary to treat the whole family as well as bed linen, towels, hats, brushes etc.**

REPLY SLIP – Please sign and return to school

I have read and understand this updated Head Lice Prevention Procedure for students:

PARENT'S NAME:..... **Signed** **Date**.....



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Date:

Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been a case of head lice reported from your child's class today.

It is extremely important for you to check your child's head for head lice TODAY. Keep checking every day for at least 3 weeks.

If head lice are found please treat your child's hair with an appropriate head lice treatment and use a fine tooth comb to remove lice and their eggs. This will prevent head lice from spreading.

Also:

- Check all members of the household and if head lice are found treat all members of the household.
- Wash bed linen, hats, hair ties, hair brushes etc in hot water.
- If using a chemical treatment, repeat 7-10 days after the initial treatment according to the manufacturer's directions.

The Education Department regulations state that students who have head lice are not to come to school until they have effective treatment.

Further information on head lice and treatment can be gained from the Environmental Health Service of the Department of Health on the following direct link:

<http://www.dh.sa.gov.au/pehs/branches/headlice/headlice-index.htm>

Yours sincerely,

Principal

PLEASE RETURN THE TEAR OFF SLIP BELOW TO THE CLASS TEACHER.

Student's Name:

Yes I have checked my child's head for head lice.

My child is free of head lice.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____