

Pt Augusta Special School

Student Health Care - Common Agreement for the Management of **Head Lice**

Rationale :

**Our priority is to ensure a safe and healthy environment that responds to the needs of students, staff and community.
A healthy environment is everybody's business.**

Role of School and Staff	Role of Parents	Students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • distribute a proforma at the beginning of each school year giving staff permission to implement the head lice strategy • when staff suspect that a student has head lice, through observation or by report (and using a high level of discretion) a discrete head check is conducted in a private area providing parent/carer permission has been given • if head lice (eggs or live nits) are detected or when permission has not been given, the parent/carer will be contacted by staff • staff will withdraw the student from close contact with other students until they can be collected by parent/carer • the school will provide a copy of an information brochure in relation to the treatment of head lice to all families • if there is ongoing infestation the school may request a medical certificate to indicate that the student is clear of head lice and able to return to school • the school is able to provide information on the management of head lice in the home environment if requested <p>The school will follow the guidelines provided by DECD and the Department of Health.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide consent for checks of hair by school staff • arrange to collect their child from school • treat their child's hair • inform the school via the child's diary that hair has been treated • provide a medical certificate , if requested, to indicate that the child is clear of head lice and able to return to school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are asked to comply with staff to check their hair <div data-bbox="1400 758 2206 1516" style="border: 2px solid blue; background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>The success of dealing with head lice in schools relies on families following up with treatment. Please help your child and our school by checking your child's hair regularly.</p> </div>