

HEAD LICE CONSENT FORM

Health Regulations Governing Head Lice

The Department of Human Services (DHS) sent a letter to all schools advising that a number of changes had been made to the way schools are expected to respond to infectious disease outbreaks. Included in this advice was information about changes in the Health Regulations governing the management of pediculosis (HEAD LICE) infestations in schools.

Schools are required to obtain the written consent of the parent or guardian prior to any student being inspected for the presence of head lice. Provided that parental consent is obtained, local council staff may be engaged to inspect children for head lice. This form will last for the entire time your child is at this school. In previous years we were required to complete a new one each year.

Please complete the consent form and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Consent Form To Conduct Head Lice Inspections

Permission to cover duration of the student's schooling at:
GOONAWARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Throughout your child's schooling, the school will be arranging head lice inspections of students.

The management of head lice infection works best when all children are involved in our screening program.

The school is aware that this can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining student confidentiality and avoiding stigmatisation.

The inspections of students will be conducted by a trained person approved by the principal and school council.

Before any inspections are conducted the person conducting the inspections will explain to all students what is being done and why and it will be emphasised to students that the presence of head lice in their hair does not mean that their hair is less clean or well kept than anyone else's. It will also be pointed out that head lice can be itchy and annoying and if you know you have got them, you can do something about it.

The person conducting the inspections will check through each student's hair to see if any lice or eggs are present.

Person's authorised by the school principal may also visually check your child's hair for the presence of head lice, when it is suspected that head lice may be present. They do not physically touch the child's head during a visual check.

In cases where head lice are found, the person inspecting the student will inform the student's teacher and the principal. The school will make appropriate contact with the parents/guardians/carers.

Please note that health regulations require that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until appropriate treatment has commenced. The school may request the completion of an 'action taken form', which requires parents/guardians/carers to nominate if and when the treatment has started.

Parent's/guardian's/carer's full name:

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Address:..... Post code:.....

Name of child attending the school:.....

I hereby give my consent for the above named child to participate in the school's head lice inspection program for the duration of their schooling at this school.

Signature of parent/guardian/carer: Date.....

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Please inform the school if guardianship/custody changes for your child, as this form will need to be re-signed to reflect these changes. Please also inform the school in writing if you no longer wish to provide consent for the school to undertake head lice inspections for your child.