

## 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 or live nits, the student is to remain at school until the end of the school day. A student may not be excluded from school due to head lice/nits.

### 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 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. See attached letter.
- 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.

### 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.

**Effective** Term 2 2019  
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**Developed by** Leadership Team

