

HEAD LICE POLICY

PURPOSE:

Whilst it is acknowledged that parents/guardians have primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice, we believe that we have a role in the management of head lice infections and in providing support for parents/guardians and students.

GOALS:

At Baden Powell P-9 College we will provide advice and guidance to parents in the management of head lice.

GUIDELINES:

A head lice resource/ support person will be available for contact by parents at nominated times.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- The distribution of current information on the detection, treatment and control of head lice will be made available to parents/ guardians and staff at the beginning of each year and more frequently if required.
- There is a requirement that parents/guardians refrain from sending their children with untreated head lice. If a child attends school with live lice we would exclude the child until the live lice have been removed.
- Clear protocols will be established for any inspection program that is implemented at Baden Powell P-9 College. A pro forma for obtaining written parental permission for all inspections will be used.
- All staff will work to minimise any stigma around head lice inspections, and to maintain confidentiality for the families concerned.
- There will be classroom activities provided to give students an understanding of the habits and life-cycle of head lice.
- There will be training of appropriate school personnel in the detection and management of head lice at the school level.

EVALUATION

- This policy to be reviewed as part of the school's two year review cycle, individually, in teams and with the community in 2017 or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances