

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 the college has 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:

The First Aid Support Officer will be available to contact parents.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- Current information on the detection, treatment and control of head lice is available to parents, guardians and staff if requested. 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.
- The written parent permission consent is part of the multiple permission note signed by parent/guardians. 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.

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.