

# Werribee Primary School

## HEAD LICE MANAGEMENT POLICY

**While parents/guardians have primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice**, schools also have a role in the management of head lice infections and in providing support for parents/guardians and students. Werribee Primary School takes this shared responsibility very seriously and we implement a comprehensive management plan for the detection and treatment of head lice in our school community including:

- Distribution of up-to-date information on the detection, treatment and control of head lice to parents/guardians and staff at appropriate times (available from website <http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/phd/headlice>)
- Several of our staff have been trained in headlice detection and management.
- It is *essential* that parents/guardians refrain from sending their children to school with untreated head lice.
- Parents who detect infestation themselves must notify the school so that classmates can be inspected without delay.
- It is the policy of Werribee Primary School that any child found to have head lice and/or live eggs are to be excluded from class immediately and from school at the end of the day until an Action Taken Form is completed by the parent and returned to school.
- Parents/guardians will be provided with comprehensive advice about the use of safe treatment practices, which do not place students' health at risk as these become available.
- On enrolment the school will issue a proforma for written parental permission for all inspections including those by local government personnel.
- All parents will be notified in writing of the results of any inspection of their child(ren).
- Appropriate school personnel will be professionally trained in detection and management of head lice at the school level.