

TRAFALGAR HIGH SCHOOL

HEAD LICE POLICY



Rationale

Anyone can get head lice, and given the chance head lice move from head to head without discrimination. While parents/guardians have primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice, the school also has a role in the management of head lice.

Purpose

- To minimise anxiety by acknowledging that most schools will have some students with head lice at any given time.
- To provide up-to-date information on the detection, treatment and control of head lice.
- To have protocols for any inspection program.

Guidelines

- The school first aid team will provide resources for the treatment of head lice and perform an inspection if given authorisation within a student's enrolment form.
- Parents will be informed if an inspection for headlice has occurred
- Health classes will give students an understanding of the habits and life-cycle of head lice in order to minimise stigmatisation.
- At all times the school will attempt to reduce stigma and maintain confidentiality following head lice inspections. A headlice article is placed in the upcoming compass post if a case has been detected.
- Parents/Guardians must refrain from sending their children to school with untreated head lice. Students may be treated one evening and return to school the next day. It needs to be communicated that one treatment is not sufficient to manage the problem.

This policy was ratified by the Trafalgar High School Council on: 13/12/2017

Signed:
School Council President

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Principal

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