



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Wandal Headlice Policy

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## Policy Statement

Whilst the existence of headlice is not regarded as a health or medical problem they are unacceptable in our community. They are a source of physical irritation and social rejection for the child. In addition their presence represents considerable expense for parents when it comes to continually removing them. In the light of this, every effort will be made to relieve children of their infestation and to prevent their further spread. The primary concern of all involved will be to prevent the child from being ostracized by other children or personally intimidated.

## Description

VALUES

Justice; Dignity; Respect; Honesty.

## Implementation Issues

- A regular programme of inspection will be held, records of which will be kept by the school.
- Parents of children with headlice will be notified and requested to commence treatment of the child/family.
- Depending upon the severity of the infestation the child may be removed from class and parents notified to collect the child to begin treatment.

- Parents of children who remain untreated or who are continually re-infested will be contacted by the Principal with the aim of informing them fully of the situation and making them more aware of the steps needed to eradicate the problem.
- Should the situation remain untreated the Principal will consult with the C.E.O. with regard to suspension of the child to prevent further spread.

# Reflection Material

“Headlice” Qld Health Department - pamphlet  
School Mission Statement

