



Head Lice

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

I am writing to inform you that we have had a confirmed case of Head Lice.

The following information has been sourced from the NSW Department of Health.

Head lice are insects that live in hair and suck blood from the scalp. They can cause itching of the scalp but they do not cause disease or illness.

Female head lice lay their eggs and glue them to the base of hair shafts, and the eggs hatch after seven to ten days. The immature lice grow into adults and start biting the scalp to feed on blood.

Check your child's head once a week for head lice. If you find any lice or eggs, begin treatment immediately. Check for effectiveness of the treatment every two days until no lice are found for 10 consecutive days.

There is no need to keep your child at home if effective treatment has begun before the next day of attendance. Students do not need to be sent home immediately if head lice are detected.

It is important that families be vigilant of the signs and symptoms and seek medical advice as soon as possible to help minimise the spread.

Information regarding effective treatments can be sourced from the NSW Department of Health and NSW Department of Education websites

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx>

