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HEAD LICE POLICY

RATIONALE:

Head lice are a concern and frustration for parents, teachers and students. While parents have the primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice, schools have a responsibility in the management of head lice infections and providing information and support for parents and students.

AIM:

To manage the incidence of head lice at Eastwood by minimising outbreaks of head lice, and to ensure parents have adequate information to effectively monitor and treat lice in a responsible manner.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. The school will distribute to parents/guardians, up-to-date information on the detection, treatment and control of head lice at the beginning of each year, and more frequently if required. Information will also be available through the parent page on the school website.

2. Parents are not permitted to send their children to school with untreated head lice. Students may be treated one evening and returned to school the next day. The presence of eggs in the hair is not a cause for exclusion. Should head lice be found at home, parents are required to contact the school indicating which treatment they have commenced before sending their child to school.

3. If head lice are found while at school, parents will be notified via a phone call from the office. A pro forma (A) will also be sent home that afternoon with the child to be completed prior to the child returning to school the following day, indicating which treatment has been commenced.

4. If a child is identified as having head lice, teachers will attempt to minimise infection by limiting the head to head contact the student has with others, during the course of that day.

5. Upon the identification of head lice within a class, a pro forma (B) will be forwarded to all families in that class, asking parents to conduct a check of their child at home that evening and commence treatment if necessary, notifying the school if lice are found.

6. The exclusion of students from school due to the non-treatment of head lice, rests with the Principal or nominee.
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EVALUATION:
This policy can also be reviewed as required.

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