Throughout your child’s schooling, the school will be arranging head lice inspections of students. The management of head lice infection works best when all children are involved in our screening program.

The school is aware that this can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining student confidentiality and avoiding stigmatisation. The inspections of students will be conducted by a trained person approved by the principal and school council.

Before any inspections are conducted, the person conducting the inspections will explain to all students what is being done and why and it will be emphasised to students that the presence of head lice in their hair does not mean that their hair is less clean or well kept than anyone else’s. It will also be pointed out that head lice can be itchy and annoying and if you know you have got them, you can do something about it.

The person, authorised by the school principal, conducting the inspections will check through each student’s hair to see if any lice or eggs are present. In cases where head lice are found, the person inspecting the student will inform the student’s teacher and the Principal or Assistant Principal. The school will make appropriate contact with the parents/guardians/carers.

Please note that health regulations requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until appropriate treatment has commenced. The school may request the completion of an ‘action taken form’, which requires parents/guardians/carers to nominate if and when the treatment has started.

I hereby give my consent for the above named child/ren to participate in the school’s head lice inspection program for the duration of their schooling at this school.

Name of child/ren attending the school:

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Parent’s Signature.................................................................Date..........................................................