



CONSENT FORM—HEAD LICE INSPECTIONS

Children occasionally arrive at school with Pediculosis (Head Lice). Head lice checks are an additional expense and burden to the school, therefore every parent is asked to regularly check their children's hair and report each incidence to school.

Throughout the year and duration of your child's school life at YGPS, the school will be arranging head lice inspections of students.

The management of head lice infestation 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.

Before any inspections are conducted staff 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 inspection of students will be conducted by trained parents and/or YGPS staff.

The person conducting the inspections will physically search 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 class teacher and the Principal. The school will send a written notice home with the child and provide parents with comprehensive advice about the use of safe treatment practices which do not place children's health at risk.

Please note that the law requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until appropriate treatment has commenced.

If head lice are discovered on your child, you will be contacted and your child will need to be taken home and treated. Due to contamination, your child will wait in the sick bay until collected.

Parent's/Guardian's Full Name:

Address: Postcode:

Name of Child attending the school:
(please fill in a separate form for each child)

Year Level:

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I hereby give my consent for the above-named child to participate in the school's head lice inspection program for the duration of their enrolment at Yarra Glen Primary School.

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date: