HEAD LICE POLICY

1. RATIONALE
Processes need to be developed which will assist the school community to better understand the issues surrounding Head Lice Control.

2. PURPOSE
2.1 To identify a resource/support person at school who parents can contact for enquiries.
2.2 To develop processes, which will be respectful of the needs of the students and the families of our school community.
2.3 To encourage and increase the partnership between home and school in the identification, treatment and follow up of Head Lice.
2.4 To develop pro-active processes for the management of Head Lice at home.
2.5 To develop strategies to inform parents when Head Lice have occurred at school.
2.6 To meet the requirements of the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001 as directed by the Department of Education, Employment and Training.

3. GUIDELINES
3.1 Class teachers will notify the Welfare Coordinator if they suspect a child has Head Lice.
3.2 Approved personnel will check students for head lice
3.3 Letters will be sent home to all students in the grade of a child who has been reported to have Head Lice.
3.4 Direct contact with the parent/guardian of a student with Head Lice will be made by the Welfare Coordinator and request the student be collected from school so that treatment can commence.
3.5 Students with head lice will be supervised in an area that will avoid further spreading of the head lice until picked up by parents.
3.6 A whole school management plan will be followed as a means to control the proliferation of Head Lice.
3.7 Resources will be set aside to support parents in the program.
3.8 Information to be passed onto parents on a regular basis.
3.9 All students with shoulder length hair or longer will be required to wear their hair pulled back whilst at school

4. EVALUATION
4.1 This policy is to reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.

5. REFERENCE
DEET Circular 9/2002
The Health (Infectious Disease) Regulations 2001.