CONSENT TO INSPECT FOR HEAD LICE

The Department of Human Services recommends that everyone have their hair checked every week for head lice and nits.

Checking and treating children’s hair is by law a parent’s/caregiver’s responsibility.

Sometimes schools offer to arrange head checks if there is a school community outbreak of head lice.

This form seeks consent for your child’s head to be inspected if the need arises.

I understand and accept that any children found to be infested will be withdrawn from close contact with other children until collected from school for treatment by parents/caregivers. I understand that I will need to collect my child promptly if head lice or nits are evident as a result of this check.

I give permission for the school staff to arrange for a First Aid or Senior Staff member or other suitably qualified person to check my child’s hair for head lice and nits. I understand any such check will be conducted sensitively and discreetly.

OR

I do not give permission for the school staff (or other suitably qualified person) to check my child’s hair for head lice and nits.

I understand that my child can be excluded from school if staff believe he or she may have head lice or nits. I understand it is my responsibility to arrange collection of my child from school when notified. I understand that it will be necessary to provide a letter from a General Practitioner or Health Worker stating that my child is free from head lice.