

# CONSENT FORM TO CONDUCT HEAD LICE INSPECTIONS

Permission to cover the duration of the student's schooling at:

## Huntly Primary School

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 Mrs Van Riet, a trained nurse 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.

Mrs Van Riet, our nominated person, will then conduct the inspections checking through each student's hair to see if any lice or eggs are present. In cases where head lice are found, she will inform the student's teacher and the principal. Mrs Van Riet will then make appropriate contact with the parents/guardians/carers.

Please note that health regulations require 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.

All teachers are authorised by the school principal to visually check your child's hair for the presence of head lice, when it is suspected that head lice may be present. They do not physically touch the child's head during a visual check.

Parent's/guardian's/carer's full name: .....

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Address..... Post code:.....

Name of child/children attending the school:-	Current Teacher:-

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

Signature of parent/guardian/carer: ..... Date.....

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Please inform the school if guardianship/custody changes for your child, as this form will need to be re-signed to reflect these changes. Please also inform the school in writing if you no longer wish to provide consent for the school to undertake head lice inspections for your child.