



Policy Name	Head Lice Policy
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The *School Education Act 1999* states that The Principal may request nonattendance of a student for health reasons. Children found to have head lice will be excluded from school until the day after treatment has commenced. The child can return to school once parents confirm that treatment has commenced. The treatment instructions must be followed carefully and a fine-toothed, metal nit comb (available from chemists) should be used.

The rest of the family and close contacts should also be checked for head lice. Anyone who has eggs or live lice in their hair should be treated at the same time. Other close contacts should be informed so that they can check their hair.

The child's hair should be checked every day for 21 days, combing or pulling out the eggs as the problem can persist until all eggs are removed. After 21 days, the child's hair should be checked weekly. This is an important preventative measure for all school aged children.

The Department of Health, Communicable Disease Control has produced a Head Lice Fact Sheet. This can be obtained at the office or from the DOH, Healthy WA website.

http://www.healthywa.health.wa.gov.au/Healthy-WA/Articles/F_I/Head-lice