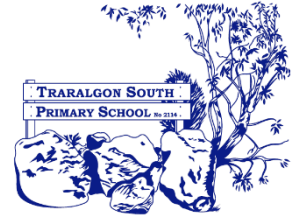


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CONSENT FORM FOR HEAD LICE INSPECTIONS

Permission to cover the duration of the student's schooling at Traralgon South Primary School

Primary responsibility for the control of infectious diseases, including head lice, lies with individuals, families and public health experts. While parents have the main responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice, schools can assist with controlling and preventing the spread of head lice in a consistent and coordinated manner. Traralgon South Primary School is aware that this can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining student confidentiality, avoiding stigmatisation and providing education regarding this subject.

Throughout your child's schooling, Traralgon South Primary School may need to inspect students for head lice. In accordance with Department of Education and Training (DET) guidelines, whilst parent/guardian consent is not required for visual checks without physical contact, head lice inspections that include a physical examination are often a more effective means for accurate detection. Parent/guardian consent is required for a head lice inspection that includes a physical examination.

The inspections of students will generally be conducted by school staff. On occasion, it may be necessary for Latrobe City Health Department staff to participate in these checks.

The person conducting the head lice inspections will check through each student's hair to see if any lice or eggs are present. In cases where head lice and/or live eggs are found, the person inspecting the student will inform the student's teacher and the Principal. The school will make appropriate contact with the parents/guardians regarding DET policy of isolating children found with live head lice and/or eggs. The DET require that where a child has live head lice, that child is to be excluded from school until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced. Traralgon South Primary School may also undertake a secondary head lice inspection on the students return to school.

Name of child: _____

Parent's/guardian's full name: _____

I hereby give my consent for Traralgon South Primary School to undertake head lice inspections that include a physical examination on my child, as outlined above. This consent is provided for the duration of my child's enrolment at this school.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Please inform the school if guardianship/custody changes for your child, as this form will need to be re-signed to reflect these changes.