



HAUTURU SCHOOL PROCEDURE HEADLICE AWARENESS

RATIONALE:

Headlice are a recurring concern in the school for Parents/Caregivers, Teachers and Students.

PURPOSE:

1. To reduce the incidence of headlice in the school.
2. To increase the Community's knowledge.

GUIDELINES:

1. Parents/Caregivers are responsible for checking their own children's hair (once a week is recommended) and notifying the School Office if their child has headlice.
2. Parents/Caregivers will be notified in writing if there are headlice in their child's classroom.
3. If children are not treated, the Public Health Nurse will be contacted by the school and asked to check children's hair. Parents/Caregivers will be asked to notify the school in writing if they do not wish this to happen.
4. STAFF ARE NOT PERMITTED TO CHECK CHILDREN'S HAIR.
5. Students with long hair are encouraged to wear their hair tied back.
6. If a student is identified as having headlice that is not being treated Section 19 1A of the Education Act will be invoked.
7. Information about headlice will be held in the School Office and readily available to Parents / Caregivers.
8. The Public Health Nurse will hold a "Headlice" Information Meeting within the school for Students, Parents / Caregivers and Community when required.

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