



A Respectful and Responsible Learning Community
Head Lice Program - Consent Form 2020

For the many families and teachers of primary school aged children, head lice continue to create concerns. While it is known that head lice do not carry any infectious disease, at Great Ryrie PS the Principal, teaching staff and School Council have developed a head lice program to help parents manage this problem. The School First Aid officers coordinate the program and it is fully supported by the Principal, teaching staff and School Council.

The program goals include:

1. Reducing the frustration and misinformation associated with head lice
2. Helping to decrease the concerns regarding head lice within the school community
3. Promoting regular home based screening using a conditioner and comb method.

We invite you to include your child/children in our screening program which runs twice per term. If you would like to include your child/children in our screening program the permission slip below needs to be completed and returned to the school. The program works best when the majority of children at the school are involved in the screening program.

If you would prefer to screen your child/children yourself, information on the best technique is available from the school office.

There are 2 options used by the School First Aid officers to check your child's hair:

1. Ordinary hair conditioner and a head lice comb will be used or
2. 'Dry' checking without conditioner.

There are no toxic chemicals used in either method and no treatment is undertaken at the school.

As part of this program we also expect parents and carers to:

- Regularly (preferably once per week) inspect their child's hair to look for lice or lice eggs
- Regularly inspect all household members and then treat them if necessary
- Notify the school if their child is affected, and advise the school when the treatment was started
- Notify the parents and carers of your child's friends so they too will have the opportunity to detect and treat their children if necessary.

Regular updates about our program will appear in our newsletter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school.

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Please tick

- I do give consent for my permission for my child to participate in the Great Ryrie Primary School Head Lice Program.
- I do not give consent for my child to participate in the Great Ryrie Primary School Head Lice Program.

Please complete one consent form per child.

Student's Name:	Class:
Parent/Guardian Name:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date: