



Head Lice Inspections

The management of head lice infection works best when all children have an awareness of head lice. The school is mindful 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 an appointed member approved by the College Principal and School Council.

Before any inspections are conducted the staff member conducting the inspections will explain to the student what is being done and why. It will be emphasised to the student 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 discussed with your child that head lice can be itchy and annoying and can be treated.

When it is suspected that head lice may be present, the appointed staff member will conduct a head lice inspection. They may visually check your child's hair for the presence of head lice or complete a more thorough check where they will comb through your child's hair to see if any lice or eggs are present.

In cases where head lice are found, the Campus Principal will inform the student's Home Group/Mentor Teacher and the College Principal. The school will make appropriate contact with the Parent/Carer.

Please note that health regulations requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until appropriate treatment has commenced.

I hereby give consent for my child to participate in the school's head lice inspection program for the duration of their schooling at Copperfield College.

Student's Name: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ 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. 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.