



CONSENT FORM TO CONDUCT HEAD LICE INSPECTIONS

Permission to cover the duration of the student's schooling at Kismet Park Primary School

Throughout your child's schooling, the school will be arranging head lice inspections of students by an outside agency, such as the City Of Hume Nursing program.

The management of head lice infection works best when all children are involved in our screening program.

The school is aware 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 a trained person approved by the principal and school council. During these organised inspections, the person conducting the inspections will check through each student's hair to see if any lice or eggs are present.

Before any inspections are conducted the person conducting the inspections will explain to all students what is being done and why and it will be emphasised to students 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 pointed out that head lice can be itchy and annoying and if you know you have got them, you can do something about it.

At other times, an authorised school staff member may check hair on request of the child's teacher. The staff member will conduct a discrete inspection, physically searching through the child's hair to see if any lice or eggs are present. In cases where head lice 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/carers to arrange for the child to be collected from school. Please be assured that the strictest confidentiality will be observed at all times during these inspections.

Please note that health regulations require that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until appropriate treatment has commenced. The school may request the completion of an 'action taken form', which requires parents/guardians/carers to nominate if and when the treatment has started.

Name of child attending the school:.....

Parent's/guardian's/carer's full name:

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Address:..... Post code:.....

I hereby give my consent for the above named child to participate in the school's head lice inspection program conducted by an outside agency, for the duration of their schooling at this school. .

I hereby give permission for an authorised school staff member to physically check my child's hair.

Signature of parent/guardian/carer: **Date**.....

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**THIS FORM WILL COVER YOUR CHILD FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR SCHOOLING AT KISMET PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL,
UNLESS YOU NOTIFY US OTHERWISE, IN WRITING**

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.