



## WERRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

In the past week we have been notified of some cases of head lice on our students. Please inspect your child's hair and if head lice are present, please treat their hair. Head lice are a very common nuisance in school aged children.

Lice are not discriminatory! They love a clean head of hair and are just as happy to live in short hair as they are in long hair.

Head lice treatment is available from chemist outlets and some supermarkets. Alternative treatment advice provided to the school involves the application of a generic brand white conditioner, which should be massaged into the scalp for 10 to 15 minutes, then combed through the hair with a fine-toothed lice comb for 10 minutes. Remove the residual conditioner from the comb on each occasion. The hair should then be washed clean. This should be repeated each day for the next 5-7 days. Please note that the conditioner does not kill the lice. All lice have to be physically removed from the hair, as is the case with all commercial treatments.

Please re-check the hair after 7 days and if lice or eggs are found, please re-treat. It is also advisable to thoroughly check all other family members' hair as well.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school or your health care professional.

Thank you,

Mrs Avery  
Principal