



YALLOURN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL CONSENT FORM—HEAD LICE INSPECTIONS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Through-out the year, the school will be arranging head lice inspections of students. The management of head lice infestation works best when all children are involved in our Community Head Lice Checking Program.

The school is aware that this can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining student confidentiality and avoiding stigmatisation.

Before any inspections are conducted staff 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.

The inspection of students will be conducted by trained YNPS community parent group & a staff member of YNPS. The person/s conducting the inspections will physically search through each student's hair to see if any lice or eggs are present.

The process of YNPS Community Head Lice Checking Program

1. Across one week of **every month** the authorised YNPS head check members group will check every child in each grade for lice / nits (eggs).
2. Every child receives a general note home which lets their parents know if they have either:
A. no lice/nits B. lice present C. eggs present D. lice and eggs.
3. If they have live lice present, the family will be phoned to pick up their child, families will be asked to treat the lice/nits before the child comes back to school.
4. A member of the Community Head Lice Checking Program will check the student's hair on return to school for live lice and offer support / assistance to parents when required.

If parents do not give approval for their children to participate in this program then they will have to make alternative arrangements for their children if there is an infestation at school.

Name(s) of Child attending the school:

Year Level:

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I hereby give my consent for the above-named child to participate in the school's community head lice inspection program.

Parent's/Guardian's Full Name:

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date:

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