



# KIRRAWEE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## EMERGENCY HEAD LICE ALERT

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

It has been brought to my notice that there is an increase of head lice around the school. This is a common occurrence in all schools at this time of the year. It is a cause for concern, as your child may be affected. However, head lice are extremely contagious.

*In order to determine if your child has been infected with head lice, we are asking **all parents** to inspect their child's hair. We suggest that you look for the following symptoms or signs that would indicate the presence of head lice.*

General: Child scratching his/her head excessively.

On pillows: Fine black powder or pale coloured material.

In the hair: Signs of lice eggs (nits) – cream of coloured specks close to the hair roots.

Lice: Small white or 'greyish' parasites the approximate size of a pin-head.

If you notice any of the above signs, or if you require information, please contact your local pharmacy, as treatment is readily available and easy to apply. Additionally, we have some further information here at school.

We encourage you to ensure that this problem is solved quickly by determining if your child is affected and seeking recognized head lice treatment if necessary.

Please note that students come in contact with head lice from each other when they bring them to school. They are not "catching them from the school. It is also helpful for girls with long hair to have their hair pulled back in a plait, braid or ponytail.

**Remember, only if every child is free from nits can everyone be safe from further infestation.**

I thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Regards

S. Williams  
Principal