



Timaru Christian School Procedures

HS9 - Head Lice

Head lice infection is not a problem of schools but of the wider community. Parents have the primary responsibility for the identification, treatment and prevention of head lice in a family.

The school educates and reminds parents of their responsibilities for the prevention and treatment of head lice.

- When head lice are detected at school, the teacher contacts the school office and notification is sent home to the affected student/s.
- The Public Health Nurse does not undertake hair checks, but can provide a parent education meeting to discuss prevention, treatment and answer questions. The Public Health Nurse is also available to liaise with families individually at their homes. This is sourced through the school office or by ringing the Public Health Nurse directly.
- Information about head lice is distributed to families during epidemics via email.
- The school's health coordinator includes regular reminders in the school newsletter promoting family hair checks.