



# 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' parents. (Note: teachers and support staff are not permitted to actively do a hair check but they may notice as part of their interactions with a child.)
- 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.
- Reminders are put in the school newsletter promoting family hair checks.