

HEADLICE CHECKS

While it is known that Head Lice do not carry any infectious disease, Yinnar Primary School has developed a program to **help parents manage Head Lice**. Qualified nurses registered with the Latrobe City Council, coordinate the program and it is fully supported by the Principal, teaching staff and the School Council.

Inspections are held regularly and when an outbreak is reported. These inspections are announced in the newsletter. The person conducting the inspections will physically search through each student's hair to see if any lice or eggs are present. **There are no toxic chemicals used and no treatment is undertaken at the school.**

In cases where headlice are found, the person inspecting the student will inform the student's class teacher and the Principal. The school will send a written notice home with the child and provide parents with comprehensive advice about the use of safe treatment practices which do not place children's health at risk. Please note that the law requires that where a child has headlice, that child should not return to school until appropriate treatment has commenced.