

## ***CONSENT FORM – HEAD LICE INSPECTIONS***

Throughout 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 screening 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 staff or by a registered nurse.

The person conducting the inspections will physically search through each student's hair to see if any lice or eggs are present.

In cases where head lice are found, the person inspecting the student will inform the student's class teacher and the principal. The school will send a head lice Report Sheet to every child and where necessary, 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 head lice, that child should not return to school until appropriate treatment has commenced. (ALL eggs must be removed).

Parent's/Guardian's Full Name: .....

Address: .....

Name(s) of Child/Children attending the school:

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I hereby give my consent for the above-named children to participate in the school's head lice inspection program for the remainder of the time my child attends Briagolong Primary.

Signature of Parent / Guardian ..... Date: .....