



15. Head Lice Policy

The Department's *School Policy and Advisory Guide* – <u>Head Lice</u> page has information and guidance relating to head lice. Note that this page is currently under review. Due to this review, schools are **not** currently required to have a local policy relating to head lice and can instead rely on the guidance in the *School Policy and Advisory Guide*. For this reason, no template local policy for schools is included on this page. Schools can instead refer staff and parents to the Head Lice page on the *School Policy and Advisory Guide*.

Head lice management is complex as infections can be difficult to manage and control in a school setting. Schools are encouraged to exercise sensitivity towards this issue and to consult with the Department's Health Advice and Policy Unit on health.advice@edumail.vic.gov.au and 9097 1170 if they have any questions regarding an appropriate response to head lice at school.