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## CONSENT FORM – HEAD LICE INSPECTIONS

### Permission to cover the duration of the student’s schooling at Tallarook Primary School

Throughout your child’s schooling, 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, the person conducting the check 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 parent volunteers who have accessed appropriate training.

Inspections will be conducted periodically when we are advised that lice are about the school. 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 written notice home with the child. To ensure no embarrassment is caused, all students will be checked and all students will have a letter to take home advising of the lice inspection outcome.

Please note that health regulations requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until appropriate treatment has commenced.

Parent’s/Guardian’s Name:.....

Address:.....Postcode:.....

Name(s) of Child/Children attending the school:	Year Level
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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 duration of their schooling at this school.

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