

# Management of Medical Conditions

## Headlice

Anyone can catch headlice. It is not a sign of poor personal hygiene. There is no sure way to prevent the problem but it is important to treat it properly and safely when it occurs.

SA Health recommends that everyone checks their hair every week for headlice. Checking and treating children's hair is BY LAW A PARENT'S/CAREGIVER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

On signing the enrolment form the parent/caregiver gives permission for school staff to check child/ren's hair for eggs and headlice. Any such check will be conducted sensitively. Parents/Caregivers will be contacted if staff believe your child may have lice so they can be treated asap.

If a parent/caregiver does not give permission for the school staff to check their child's hair for headlice this must be put in writing addressed to the Principal, it is then the parent/caregiver's responsibility to arrange collection of the child from school if a staff member suspects the child may have headlice.

If a child is sent home with either suspected headlice or is found to have headlice the family may have to provide a letter from a doctor to say that the child is free of headlice.

Products for the treatment of headlice are available from chemists and from the school (for those students who are current approved school card holders).

## Medication

If children are on medication please let your child's teacher and Student Services staff know. If your child is to take medication during school hours parents are required to supply written details from the child's doctor on a 'Medication Plan' with the specific medication details. 'Medication Plans' are available from Student Service. Please send Medication in a clearly marked pharmacy container to Student Services at the beginning of the school day.

Medication cannot be administered at school without a Medication Plan signed by the child's doctor. All medication is administered by 2 staff members.



## Asthma

All students suffering with asthma need a puffer at school and must have an **"Asthma Plan"** and **"Medication Plan"** lodged with Student Services completed by the child's doctor.

Children must be able to use their own puffer. (Asthma Foundation offer assistance). Puffers must be clearly labelled with name and instructions and kept on the child, or in their bag, so they are readily available in a time of need, unless prior arrangement has been made with Student Services. The Asthma Plans and Medication Plans need to be updated by the child's doctor annually and will be required for swimming and aquatics.

## Medical Conditions

If your child has a medical condition that may require extra routine health support during school hours then a health care plan will need to be completed by his or her health care professional. Please contact Student Services for the relevant health care plans.

## Exclusion Periods

<b>Influenza</b>	Exclude until the student feels well.
<b>German Measles</b>	Exclude until fully recovered after onset of rash.
<b>Infective Hepatitis</b>	Exclude for one week after the onset of jaundice or illness.
<b>Chicken Pox</b>	Exclude until all lesions have crusted, there are no moist sores, and the student feels well.
<b>Impetigo/School Sores</b>	Exclude until appropriate treatment has commenced and sores are properly covered with a dressing.
<b>Measles</b>	Exclude for at least four days after the onset of the rash.
<b>Mumps</b>	Exclude for nine days or until swelling goes down.
<b>Ringworm</b>	Exclude until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced.
<b>Headlice</b>	Exclude until day after treated with the prescribed lotion and shampoo.
<b>Conjunctivitis</b>	Exclude until discharge from eye/s ceases.