



# ST ALOYSIUS

## CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

There has been an outbreak of head lice found amongst students in Grade 10 at the Huntingfield Campus. Your child may have contracted the condition. Please examine your child's hair for signs of lice infestation.

The lice themselves are often hard to find because they move around on the head. Therefore, you should be looking for the eggs or the nits. These appear as tiny silvery white specks attached to the hair shaft near the scalp. Dandruff and hairspray may look similar, but these are easily brushed away; the eggs are not. Other signs of lice infestation may be a red rash and scratch marks on the scalp, nape of the neck or behind the ears.

If your child has contracted head lice, do not be alarmed. Although the condition is unpleasant, it is easy to treat with specialised treatment from a doctor or pharmacist.

### **TREAT ONLY IF THERE IS EVIDENCE OF HEAD LICE.**

Any articles, which may harbour lice such as clothes, towels and bed linen, should be washed in hot water and detergent. Combs and brushes should also be washed in hot soapy water.

As head lice are highly contagious, it is suggested that you examine all members of the family at the same time and treat if necessary.

If you do find head lice in your child's hair, please contact the school, so that families may be issued with information about the condition.

Information on head lice and the recommended treatment is provided on the attached document.

Yours sincerely,

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**Acting Principal**