



Rianna Druery wears a Toupim hair band after losing her hair during chemotherapy three years ago. Picture: Tara Croser

# Rianna's cancer hair care mission

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RIANNA Druery desperately wanted to attend her school formal with a head full of hair.

She had lost her hair twice after being diagnosed with an aggressive, rare brain tumour at the age of 17, and found it extremely difficult to

find a good quality wig that wasn't outdated or made of cheap materials.

"Until you lose your hair you don't realise how insecure you are without it," Ms Druery said.

"It's kind of the last thing people think about when they learn they've got cancer because you've got so much

going on and it can be a difficult topic because it's just hair, but it's very close to you, it's part of you, it's your identity."

Now aged 20, Ms Druery is on a new mission to help other young women and girls diagnosed with cancer regain their sense of self, using their own hair.

"I was introduced to the Dutch business Toupim which creates wigs from real hair, so they turn it around like you are saving your hair and not losing it," she said.

Ms Druery has helped Toupim translate its website to English. "Even if you are sick, you don't always want to look sick," she said.