

External School Review – On-Track Evaluation

Woomera Area School

Across our education system, we seek growth for every student, in every class, and in every school. The external school review value-adds and supports schools to raise student achievement and sustain high performance by providing an expert external perspective on school performance by verifying or challenging:

- a school's improvement planning and processes and its impact on student learning
- the impact of previous external school directions
- the rigour of a school's improvement practices
- the school's capacity to achieve or sustain learning improvement over time.

The external school review lines of inquiry focus on:

- quality school improvement planning
- expert teaching
- quality leadership
- conditions for optimal learning

The overarching question in every external school review is: How well does the school improve achievement, growth, challenge, engagement, and equity?

Reported impact of directions from the previous External School Review in February 2021.

Woomera Area School is a small, remote and rural school with a transient student population. A newly appointed principal has built collegiality and cohesion amongst staff building new group norms and a shared vision statement. The school is committed to ongoing improvement engaging in partnership initiatives including working collaboratively with an alliance of small schools to ensure access to professional learning and networking for staff.

Outcomes from the External School Review On-Track Evaluation held October 2022.

The Principal will work with the Education Director to implement the following directions:

Direction 1 **Build teacher capability through a cycle of formal observation, reflection and effective feedback.**

Direction 2 **Design rich learning tasks that use formative assessment data to differentiate individual learning.**

These directions are published on the school improvement plan and will support the school's ongoing improvement work.

Based on the school's current performance, Woomera Area School will be externally reviewed again in 2023.



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