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Dear Darren

I refer to the one year follow up review for the relationships and partnerships, leadership and use of resources domains following Atwell College's Public School Review in Term 2, 2024.

I am advised that Kate Wilson, Director, Public School Review and Kristy Watson, Principal, Eastern Hills Senior High School, met with you, your deputy principals, members of staff and the School Board and P&C, to consider the extent to which the college has made sufficient and sustainable progress against the report's recommendations for the domains listed above.

The advice received confirms the college has demonstrated sufficient and sustainable progress towards meeting the Standard in relation to the recommendations in each domain.

I am informed your leadership has brought stability, visibility and clear direction for staff, contributing to a sense of unity of purpose. The review team has reported you have significantly elevated levels of positive engagement across all stakeholders. Further noted is your genuine resolve to provide transparent decision making to build staff and community confidence and trust, while also displaying the courage to welcome robust conversations.

I am also advised high levels of teacher efficacy are evident through a shared commitment to accountability and responsibility for every student's success. This is reported to be evidenced by a collaborative culture founded on a professional learning communities structure, featuring data-informed decision making to support the effective deployment of resources, and in turn, the delivery of impactful pedagogy, that paves the path to individual success for all students.

I also note the acknowledgment and actioning of improvements to build the presence and profile of the college in the community and throughout the Cockburn Central Education Network, with a focus on linking community expectations and aspirations with programs and offerings.

It is evident that transparent and consultative processes, distributed leadership, and strategic improvement planning is now in place at Atwell College, and you are to be congratulated for leading this positive culture shift. The leadership of your deputy principals has also been recognised as a significant contributing factor to the progress that has been made to date.

Atwell College is to be congratulated for its professional commitment by first, noting the areas for improvement and second, implementing strategies that have resulted in significant progress towards the improvements desired.

The next Public School Review of Atwell College, inclusive of all domains, is to be scheduled for 2027. You will be formally notified in the 2 terms leading up to your school's scheduled review.

I wish you and the staff continued success in your endeavours to provide high quality education for your students.

Yours sincerely



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