

External School Review – Wallaroo Primary 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 May 2019.

There has been significant staff turnover since the last external school review, and this has impacted on the school's ability to embed consistent practice. Processes to improve staff connection and shared responsibility for the implementations and monitoring of the school improvement plan have been put into place.

Differentiation, providing stretch and challenge, strengthening pedagogical practice and establishing clear learning intentions and success criteria remain a direction for the school. There is a focus on improving pedagogical practices and aligning them to developing expert teaching however this practice will be strengthened by continuing to build staff capability to improve effective teaching practice that results in improved student learning outcomes.

Staff are developing an understanding of how to use formative assessment and feedback that enables students to take ownership of their learning. Staff are using assessment data to track and monitor student growth in achievement and develop individual learning goals. This work is a focus area on the school improvement plan.

Outcomes from the External School Review held in April 2023.

The principal will work with the education director to implement the following directions:

- Direction 1** Continue to develop and embed practices where teachers use data and evidence with students to personalise and revise learning goals based on identified strengths and areas for improvement.
- Direction 2** Increase teacher understanding and capability to effectively plan from and differentiate the curriculum to address the learning needs of all students ensuring curriculum entitlements are met.
- Direction 3** Increase communication and strengthen parent connections to learning by explicitly sharing what students are learning, their strengths, areas for improvement and how success is measured.

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, Wallaroo Primary School will be externally reviewed again in 2026.**



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