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Leadership and Management

Build upon the distributed leadership model established 2009-11, encouraging staff at all levels to take initiative, act autonomously, be acknowledged and rewarded, and accept personal accountability for their outcomes.

Set targets for HSC courses and tasks for leaders to drive the learning improvement agenda.

Curriculum and Assessment

Increase the teacher impact on student outcomes via personalised student learning in the curriculum. Construct more PLPs and implement more formative assessment strategies with personal feedback loops.

Develop further the collegial and cooperative approach to programming and assessment to tighten the gap among class means and standard deviations at the HSC. Work to lift low scores and 4th quadrant high scores.

Incorporate more opportunities for students to develop skills in problem solving, critical thinking, creativity and communication in a variety of modes appropriate to purpose and audience. Use PISA standards descriptors.

Monitor and respond to the implementation cycle for the National Curriculum.

Engagement and Attainment

Implement new courses to meet individual needs - eg Senior Science, IST, Sports Elective, Japanese.

Focus on the transition of Year 7 into High via the three Year Advisers initiative and Student Support Officer.

Modify the stage 5 curriculum, particularly Year 10, to accommodate the extended teaching time available.

Evaluate and amend the Student Monitoring and Support Policy, updated February, 2010.

Provide small support classes in the senior school to develop students' academic confidence and engagement.

Literacy and Numeracy

Build on our evidence-based practices. Identified students will be offered a program to strengthen their comprehension, grammar, spelling and writing for a range of specific purposes/ audiences

Improve our analysis of NAPLAN and DEC data to ascertain strengths and areas for improvement in the Junior School. Recommend target skills, understandings or concepts for remediation, or enhancement.

Aboriginal education

Build upon our relationship with Boggabilla Central School and maintain our awareness raising programs.

Implement the Partnership Agreement 2010-2020 as it applies to our context at High

Organisational effectiveness

Develop staff capacity to operate the suite of school management software efficiently.' eg Find a Student'

Implement the vision for technology in teaching and learning by reconfiguring the school's network to maximise teacher access to bandwidth and software; and by providing teachers with the tools they need to do their job and allow them to use their individual and collective judgements about how and when to use them.

Strengthen the monthly financial statements scheme for all co-curricular groups to improve financial management.

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