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Periodically, schools are reviewed to determine how effective their mechanisms and policies are for the delivery of an appropriate school program. In Term 1 2018, Penola Catholic College employed Australian Centre for Academic Research (ACER) to conduct the review using the National School Improvement Tool (NSIT).

The three reviewers assigned to this review interviewed a range of staff, students and parents, viewed a number of college policies and studied a variety of data to “plot [the] school’s current position against international effective practice and to plan a focussed approach to school improvement appropriate to the context of their school.” The data collected looked at nine domains of effective school practice:

- An explicit improvement agenda
- Analysis and discussion of data
- A culture that promotes learning
- Targeted use of school resources
- An expert teaching team
- Systemic curriculum development
- Differentiated teaching and learning
- Effective pedagogical practices
- School-community partnerships.

From the information gathered, the reviewers made summary commendations and recommendations for the school’s immediate and long term school improvement plan and discussed these with the College Executive. Among these were a series of recommendations which will become the recognised action plan for the school improvement framework for the next three years. The College Executive have now set a path and timeline for performing various tasks.

- Term 2 2018 - develop a process for consultation with the inner and broader community
- Term 3 2018 – gather all relevant data (historical and current) from college resources and begin the process of consultation with the relevant stakeholders
- Term 4 2018 – from the information gathered, develop a new strategic plan for the college
- 2019 – 2021 – implementation of the new strategic plan.

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Up to date information regarding the development of this process and the methods of consultation will be readily available on the College Website. The College Newsletter will also be a valuable source of information to the college community.

Please find attached the ACER reviewers' report which includes a summary of the commendations and recommendations to the college community.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ernie Pisani', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ernie Pisani
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