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Subject: Award of CIS International Re-Accreditation

Dear Mark,

On behalf of the Council of International Schools, the CIS School Support and Evaluation Services and its advisors have now completed their consideration of the October 2021 Team Evaluation Report on your school. I am pleased to inform you that the report has been accepted, along with the recommendations it contains. This means that Benowa State High School has been re-accredited. Warmest congratulations to you, your staff, and the entire school community on this achievement.

In reaching their decision, CIS took into account the Evaluation Team's commendations which were based on evidence of effective alignment with the standards for CIS International Accreditation. In granting the award of accreditation, CIS felt that the commendations - or strengths of the school - far outweighed any areas in which the school was deficient. These strengths should be celebrated by the school community. The complete list appears in the Evaluation Team Report.

Although the Evaluation Team clearly viewed the school very positively, it also made further recommendations. The complete list appears in the Evaluation Team Report. These challenges should be addressed by the school community in the intervening years and progress will be reviewed in the next Preparatory Evaluation report which will be in the first half of 2025. Thereafter, all being well, your next Team Evaluation report and visit will be in the second half of 2026.

As part of our approach to continuous improvement we connect with schools around 12 and 24 months after the team evaluation. The next step in your accreditation cycle will be a pre-booked conversation with your allocated School Support and Evaluation Officer, Helena Sobulis. We suggest that this is normally a 30-45 minute conversation. The purpose of this conversation is to connect and have a focus on the following points:

- How things are for you and your school
- The process of improvement since the previous team evaluation
- Understand whether there are any actual or planned changes to your school

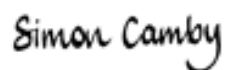
Helena will connect with you directly to arrange a mutually convenient time to talk around this time next year.

You may now publish the fact that Benowa State High School has been re-accredited by the Council of International Schools. To celebrate the granting of re-accreditation, a plaque and certificate will be awarded to the school. Staff from the Accreditation Office will contact you on this matter.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact Helena Sobulis, the CIS School Support & Evaluation Officer responsible for your school (helenasobulis@cois.org), or me (simoncamby@cois.org), if there is any point that is unclear or on which you need further advice.

Once again Mark, congratulations to everyone at the school on achieving CIS re-accredited status.

With best wishes,



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Please note: You should have access to the report to which this letter refers. If this is not the case, please contact our Accreditation Staff at accreditation@cois.org.