Substantive Change Report

Name of School:	Nakornpayap International School
Address:	240 Moo 6 Tambon San-Phi-Sua, Amphur Muang, Chiang Mai, 50300, Thailand
Visit Chair:	Alana Steward
Date of Visit:	October 21, 2024
Substantive Change(s):	Transfer of programs to other building

Introduction/Background Information

Nakornpayap International School (NIS) is a school in good standing with WASC. The school received six-year accreditation in October 2019 and is beginning preparations to embark on its next self study journey with a visit in the 2025-2026 academic year.

Reason for Substantive Change Visit

NIS opened a new building on its current site effective August 13, 2024. This new building houses classroom spaces including an art studio and multi-purpose room along with office space and a snack shop. This added facility provides a dedicated space for high school students, allowing overall enrollment increases schoolwide.

Substantive Change Visit Findings

NIS is to be congratulated on the opening of their new facility. Review of the building revealed appropriate learning spaces allowing for the achievement of the school's overall purpose. High school students revealed appreciation for the new space, although they were still getting accustomed to travel times between some classes still held in the original facility.

During the visit, the VC had the opportunity to discuss the following with the leadership team:

- Classroom blinds – new classrooms have windows on both sides, allowing for an abundance of natural light. Observations revealed that current blinds do not provide adequate coverage during a lock down drill.
- Bathrooms – observations revealed some bathroom areas had a privacy 'curtain' at the entry. Additional investigation and discussions with students led the VC to conclude

further investigation into a more suitable solution is necessary to allow for appropriate privacy in these areas

- Multi-purpose room – While still new, the VC understood the leadership is still establishing best use of the multi-purpose room. While students revealed they wished for a more relaxed, comfortable space for learning and gathering, the space needs to be functional for large group gatherings, and exams. The VC is confident student voice will continue to be part of the decision-making process.
- Science lab – although not part of the new facility, the VC took the opportunity to review the science lab and chemical storage area. The school leadership, in collaboration with the high school science department, is highly encouraged to ensure adequate storage (both in the classroom and chemical storage room) be provided and that appropriate safety equipment be available (eye wash, fire blanket, etc). A copy of science lab guidelines will be provided by the VC to guide the school's planning and implementation.

Alana Steward, International Consultant	November 25, 2024
Chair Name, Title, and Signature	Date