



Penryn College

Parents Forum 2018-19



What is the Parents' Forum?

The Parents Forum is a group of parents with children in ALL years at Penryn College, who are interested in what happens at Penryn College.

A group of people who have a vested interest in making a difference, making change and informing other parents. The Forum meets once a term and we discuss the things that matter to us as parents (reports, uniform, parking, iPads, teaching and learning) We also have the opportunity to share our thoughts, pride, issues and areas for development with the Senior Leadership Team.

What have Parents been involved with in the last couple of years?

Parents have been consulted on; iPads, the uniform changes, the new website, curriculum, parents survey, development plans, achievements and behaviour, reporting systems and assessment, the school day, canteen changes, school trips and visits, home school communication, policies, curriculum changes, parents evenings and also have been part of the consultation for the Boys 'Changemakers' project.

Parents Forum have hosted workshops to help with literacy, and also an evening with Gary Wilson - who talked about raising aspiration for boys. We've also had Di Lobbett in to talk about 'Teenage Taming Tactics' and provide some top tips and humour regarding being a parent to a teenager. Parents for Penryn College are also keen to have more workshops in the future that are relevant to parents and more information on the website.

Why should I become involved in the Parents' Forum?

If you feel that you have ideas that might help other parents, or if you are keen to be a person who can instigate changes that will improve the life for students and parents at Penryn College.

The Parents Forum is the right way to go about being heard, and making a difference.

We cannot solve everything, but together we can find some better solutions.

If you have any questions or would like to add anything to the agenda to be discussed please email our chair and secretaries on the email below.

The importance of Parental Involvement

There is evidence for the positive effects of parent involvement on children, families, and school, when schools and parents continuously support and encourage the children's learning and development "the most accurate predictor of a student's achievement in school is not income or social status but the extent to which that student's family is able to:

- 1 Create a home environment that encourages learning.
- 2 Express high (but not unrealistic) expectations for their children's achievement and future careers.
- 3 Become involved in their children's education at school and in the community.

How do I get involved?

Come along to one of our gatherings! There are always friendly faces, tea/coffee and cake/biscuits!

All Parents are welcome to come!

When: **Thursday 27th September 2017 - 6pm - 7.30pm**
AGM (All Welcome)

Where: The Inspiration Agency (TIA), Penryn College

When: **Thursday 17th January 2018 - 6pm - 7.30pm** (All Welcome)

Where: The Inspiration Agency (TIA), Penryn College

When: **Tuesday 14th May 2018 - 6pm - 7.30pm** (All Welcome)

Where: The Inspiration Agency (TIA), Penryn College

The **Parents for Penryn College Committee** (elected at each AGM) also attend 3 meetings with the Senior Leadership team (SLT) on:

Thursday 22nd November 2017 - 6pm - 7.30pm SLT
(Committee only), SLT Conference Room

Thursday 14th March 2018 - 6pm - 7.30pm SLT
(Committee only) SLT Conference Room

Wednesday 6th June 2018 - 6pm - 7.30pm SLT
(Committee only), SLT Conference Room