



Penryn College Parents' Forum

How can I get involved with the life, and decision making in the school?



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 regularly 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' Forum been involved with in the last couple of years?

Parents' Forum have been consulted on: iPads, uniform changes, the new website, parents survey, development plans, achievements and behaviour, reporting systems, 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 your child with literacy, an evening with Gary Wilson - who talked about raising aspiration for boys plus more recently, Di Lobbett came to talk about 'Teenage Taming Tactics'.

Parents' Forum are also keen to have more workshops in the future that are relevant to parents.

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.

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 meetings! There are always friendly faces, tea/coffee and cake/biscuits!

Or email questions to be considered for the meetings and request that you are added to the mailing list.

Parents' Forum Dates - 2016-17

- Thursday 29th September 2016 - 6pm - 8pm (AGM)
- Thursday 10th November 2016 - 6pm - 8pm
- Thursday 12th January 2017 - 6pm - 8pm
- Tuesday 9th May 2017 - 6pm - 8pm

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 at the bottom of this page.