



ST PIUS X COLLEGE

CHATSWOOD

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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 9 Students

We live in a time when technology is everywhere in our lives, and while that can be powerful, it can sometimes be intrusive on our time and relationships. Managing technology can be difficult for us as adults, so it must be overwhelming at times for our teens.

At St Pius X College, we are continuing to explore ways in which we can help students develop better technology management, including avoiding distractions and regulating use. We want to ensure our students reach a balance, are sleeping well, and living life beyond a screen.

We are introducing a trial with Year 9 students in regard to their PLDs. The trial will begin the week of the 4th September, and continue until the end of term, when their administrator rights will be returned to them.

We propose:

- That the school will resume administration rights. This will mean students will not be able to operate games, some videos or music.
- That we introduce a curfew program so that students will be unable to log in between 10pm and 6am.

We are trialling this and we will be surveying both parents and students at the end of trial to gather feedback to understand how the experience has worked.

Please be assured that your son's teachers are supportive of this trial, and will work with them to manage their time to assist with their homework and assessment.

In the meantime, if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

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