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Dear Darren,

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation for your outstanding presentation to our Year 12 students whilst on camp.

Admittedly when you first rang, introducing yourself as 'another motivational speaker' I was extremely apprehensive as I receive a number of calls every year from people selling themselves as a 'Motivational Speaker' only to be let down every time.

I must be blatantly honest with you; I had no intention in returning your calls until the assistant principal of a neighbouring school approached our principal recommending you. I was asked by our principal to 'Give you a Go'.... And I am thankful I did.

During our first meeting I was impressed with your professionalism, yet down to earth manner. However, I still had reservations as to whether the methods used to engage the students during the seminar would be effective and questioned the fact that our students would be able to sit through a four-hour seminar.

Yet when your Disc Jockey 'DQ' started playing his music, the students congregated into the seminar room without hesitation, sat attentively and waited for the seminar to commence. (And all without instruction by staff.)

Right from the onset, your presence, vitality and stamina had them focused, excited and ready to travel into an unknown territory. In disbelief, I witnessed certain students who would otherwise take a back seat, participate in activities which involved closing their eyes and envisaging their future and shaping their destiny, shouting out and exposing their fears, their hopes and dreams. Their willingness to succeed, their freedom of choice and their passion for life were so vividly drawn on their faces, that I was deeply touched and overwhelmed by their response.

I particularly found it amusing, that upon conclusion of the seminar, no student was prepared to move out of his or her seat. I recall you looking puzzled, wondering what they were all waiting for. And the answer was clear.... It was you. They wanted more. Four hours of high-powered energy, discussion and activity and the students wanted more.

This experience has allowed our students to take away with them a sense of self worth and life skill strategies, which can be incorporated throughout their life. They have begun a journey of self-discovery, which ultimately will assist them with the multiple choices they will have to make in the future.

On behalf of Noble Park Secondary College, its students and staff, I would like to thank you for providing us with one of the most exciting self development seminars we have ever experienced. We look forward to seeing you again next year where you can touch the souls and broaden the horizons of so many more of our youth of today.

Yours Sincerely,

Helen Karagounis
Head of Year 12