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Dear Darren,

The following are my observations of the Achieve your B.E.S.T seminar you did for us at our Year 12 Study Camp in February 2012.

I thought our Year 12 students were well engaged in your presentation and it was very interesting to watch the 'weaker, less motivated' students sit there and absorb each and every word you said. The feedback we received from students was that the vast majority of them took away some strategies to help them with their final secondary schooling year and were encouraged to feel positive towards the year ahead. In particular, students feel they have been given strategies to deal with time management issues and have been motivated to set their personal goals for Year 12 a little higher to give them something to strive towards.

Without question your presentation skills are sublime. Your ability to engage the students and relate to their experiences ensures they travel with you throughout the seminar. I think the music creates another dimension to the seminar and refocuses students on the tasks they need to complete during that time.

I think a lot of students walked away from the seminar with clearer ideas about goals they should set for themselves for the year and more positive approaches to the year ahead.

I certainly feel the seminar was worthwhile. Any time students walk away from something feeling more positive and encouraged to perform better and reach higher goals, I think that it has been a valuable session.

Kind regards,

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