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Dear Darren

RE: SUCCESS STRATEGIES SEMINAR FEEDBACK

We found that for both sessions that we booked, one for Year 11 students, and one for Year 12, all students were actively involved and participated in all aspects of the program. Students were still talking about for quite some time afterwards. We were able to go back and during our pastoral sessions and reflect on strategies that could then be implemented into students' study plans, or even during their private study sessions at school.

Darren was very engaging and was able to effectively get his message across to our students but using their lingo, he spoke to them on their level and they appreciated his sense of humour and jokes. He was instantly able to build rapport with our students.

He incorporated the use of ICT, however this was not overused as it sometimes can be in presentations.

When reflecting on the learning methodologies used throughout the presentation, we found that the use of acronyms best suited our students, as they were able remember them and explain what they meant.

The information and knowledge that the students left with is invaluable. Many students study, but aren't getting the most out of it. They left being more aware of some study skills that they can implement as well as ensuring that they have a balance between school, work and social work.

We have been using Darren as a guest speaker for our students for over 3 years, obviously we find his presentations worthwhile. We find that he fits into our school community and remembers staff member's names. Each time he comes to present, it's like we saw him last week and he makes a conscious effort to involve and refer to the staff as much as he can throughout his presentations.

Thank you for giving up your time.

Kind Regards,



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