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Vce/yr10/followup

Dear Darren,

On behalf of the Year 10 Team at Galvin Park SC we sincerely thank you for your incredible and inspirational presentation to our students. The content that you delivered on the day was engaging, relevant and entertaining. From the first moment, students were "hooked" by your infectious personality, relatability and not to mention your wicked sense of humour. Your presence and energy levels encouraged and motivated students to participate fully in all aspects of the day. The choice of music was entertaining and in many instances provided a relevant and meaningful message. The students were captivated by your genuine concern for their future. You provided them with the self belief that they can realise their dreams as well as providing them with real strategies to assist them in the future.

Reflecting on the day, we truly believe that students benefited greatly from this program. Feedback from students also supported our belief with 90-95% of students rating the 'Shape Your Destiny' workshop an 8 out of 10 or higher. A week on from the presentation, the students are still maintaining a positive attitude and outlook and seem more enthusiastic about the course selection process that is occurring at the moment.

We would like to commend you on your professionalism in leading up to the day, the quality of resources you provided for both staff and students were excellent and the constant contact you maintained with us ensured that the day ran successfully and problem free.

You exceeded our expectations on the day. The loud music gained the students interest as they entered the room. Rarely do we see attention levels so high and students sitting, waiting to see what happens next. The activities had significance and structure, continually using the music to capture student's emotions was outstanding. At a glace around the room, students were always engaged in all tasks and surprisingly completed written tasks which normally would be laborious. Throughout the entire day, you managed to keep 200 students on track and focused, a difficult task for any teacher.

As Year 10 Team Leader's at Galvin Park SC we continually strive to motivate students to reach their full potential, maximise learning opportunities at school and prepare for VCE, VCAL and future employment. We have done this through a number of avenues such as a Team Building Day, extra curricular activities, and designing and implementing a motivating curriculum for students to undertake in their tutor time that focus' on achieving successful outcomes. Although all successful, we question the number of students that benefit from these programs. We feel that your presentation should now form an integral part of the Year 10 program. We feel that it will make a longer lasting impact and that the 14 Day Follow Up program will help achieve this.

The impact and success for our students far outweighed the financial outlay. Your willingness to run extra activities beyond the "Shape Your Destiny" seminar is a testament to your commitment to young people.

Once again thank-you for providing our students with a rich and rewarding program. We would not hesitate to recommend your seminar to other schools.

Your Sincerely

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