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Dear Darren,

I just wanted to thank you on behalf of the College and the year 10 team on the excellent seminar that you delivered on Wednesday 18th May.

I understand and acknowledge your reservations in delivering the seminar to year 10 in the first half of the year. I also had some element of apprehension of the degree of success. I sincerely wanted the seminar to have a positive impact on the work ethic and attitude of our year tens, to better prepare them not only for the compulsory exams we have instituted this year but also for VCE and more importantly for Life. Though there were some negative comments, namely that they had forfeited some of their lunch time; listening to the buzz during the first break I was satisfied that the seminar was going to be worthwhile. Then at the end after hearing the many positive comments of enthusiasm, the fun and enjoyment that they experienced and how they were pumped to take charge of their future I was satisfied that it was a great success. This was reflected in the feed back sheets we collected after the session.

I was particularly impressed by the level of participation of some of our lets say, less disciplined students and the enthusiasm they displayed during some of the focussing sessions; namely closing their eyes and visioning their success.

I purposely didn't read the sheets for a full week so that I could read them with a fresh or unbiased perspective. The analysis revealed that out of the 165 students who attended 146 feedback sheets were returned; of those there was only one that expressed dissatisfaction. Also with the 'OVERALL' rating on a scale of 1-10, on average the ranking was between 7 and 8.

Similarly on ranking 'STYLE', 'PRESENTATION', and 'KNOWLEDGE' the average ranking for each was an 8.

They all loved the music, your DJ was charismatic. I personally loved the wicked beats and the funky rhythms and in particular the choice of songs that reflected your message – they were very powerful.

I was further impressed by the way you had integrated our phone conversations into your delivery and more importantly our intent of the seminar and the way you adapted the delivery to meet the needs of our students. Your delivery and presentation was very professional, your communication skills and language was pitched to our clientele. You also have a skill in very quickly developing a rapport with young people and a great sense of humour that was well appreciated by the students.

You may be interested in knowing that today we followed up your seminar with a study skills session for our year tens where your strategies for 'goal setting to achieve success' was reflected and reinforced.

I once again thank you and your team, I'm very pleased with the excellent result achieved and that we were able to provide for our year 10's. As we have been able to pencil in another date for next year I am "excited" and look forward to working with you again.

Yours sincerely,

Theo Gialamatzis

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