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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Success Integrated seminar was a fantastic way for our Year 12 students to start their final year of VCE. It was a dynamic and action packed presentation given by Darren Pereira and his DJ.

All of the students participated in the activities and many of them felt confident to share their thoughts and experiences with the group. It was at times surprising to see even the shy, withdrawn students yelling out and being part of the action.

The energy in the room was contagious and after the last session I was actually tingling from the motivational activities. Some of the students began to call out in appreciation and the mood actually lifted as we began the final stages of the seminar. There was such a huge build up to the final activity that the noise level was quite deafening.

Darren was an entertaining and humorous and he often used anecdotes that were spot on with the students. It was quite a revelation to some of them to hear Darren's views on teenage stresses.

I particularly liked the motivational exercises and the skills he imparted to them in relation to goal setting and recalling information. Many of the students walked away with plans they were determined to set in motion straight away.


The DJ was a pure delight and had the audience in his grasp within seconds. His music appealed to all and the accompanying video clips kept the group in motion heading towards the final activity.

I am confident that the majority of our students will adopt many of these strategies and they will have gained life long skills. Relating out individual talents and interests to a career path was a very clever idea that, although logical, often escapes the minds of the teenager.

In the past we have not charged the students a fee for this day but the students all paid promptly. I felt that they received value for money and, not only were they thoroughly entertained, they now have many skills that they will be able to utilise immediately.

In all, a highly successful seminar that we will continue to deliver to our future Year 12 students.

Regards,


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