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Mentone Grammar Year 10 Careers Program utilizes Darren Pereira's Shape Your Destiny as a component along with The Morrisby Report to support the self-reflection and careers investigation components of Career Development.

The school has allocated the year 10 Success Day as a day devoted to self-reflection and career development. It is a day focusing solely on year 10, with the remainder of the school taking the day off for Staff professional Development. The morning session was provided by Darren Periera, our regular motivational presenter, and the twilight session gave parents an opportunity to hear the things Darren suggest parents engage in with their students to better assist their passage through VCE. In the afternoon students were sent off in teams to visit to universities in the city providing the stimulus to be motivated to plan for their future and set goals that can be carried through their schooling and beyond. This was followed by a distribution of the Morrisby Report and a presentation on the report by Barry Darnell, followed by 4-5 weeks of individual counselling sessions with the year 10 students and their parents, culminating in their VCE subject selection. 'The Morrisby Report aids the process of careers and educational choice by providing an objective statement of a person's underlying abilities, personality and career preferences. This is based upon a comprehensive set of paper and pencil tests called the Morrisby Profile and the Morrisby Vocational Questionnaire, a multiple choice questionnaire. A written report for the candidate is prepared by computer, the main aspects of which are also produced in note form for use by the Careers Counsellor.'

Our experience has been that the Shape Your Destiny program, that Darren Periera runs, reinforces the message that we are presenting to students as part of the year 10 careers program in first semester. The students engage with Darren's style incorporating high levels of energy and are motivated to realize the important of goal setting, career planning and the difference they can make to the world as an individual. The student's respond to the technology and music to deliver the style that Darren has refined over a number of years. He knows "our market" very well and his message hits the chord with the overwhelming majority of the cohort.

The school has had the opportunity to utilize Darren's program for around ten years now, and we feel that the value of the message is well worth the cost of delivery.

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