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To whom it may concern,

Darren Pereira ran his 'Leadership Challenge' workshop to our student leaders this year and they all responded with enthusiasm to all that was delivered. All of the students from Years 7 to 12 showed a high level of interest in the messages Darren conveyed and are now in the process of using the skills acquired to in not only their roles as student leaders but in the classroom as well.

Darren's presentation skills are excellent as he is able to capture his audience through the use of video clips and stories. His role-plays are adapted to suit the audience and, at Roxburgh College, the students enjoyed the challenges he presented them. All of the students enthusiastically participated in the 'Warp Speed Exercise' and saw it as a great way to understand what 'team work' is about through activity.

The 'Leadership Challenge' booklet that the students worked through is well structured as it allows students to complete 'cloze' type activities that tie in with our Literacy Policy. The students were not intimidated by the broad range of information given and were happy to discuss any concepts that Darren conveyed and were prepared to challenge some of his ideas.

The pace of the program suited our students as it was broken down so that students were not overloaded with information. Darren's style of delivery certainly helped. He was able to use his natural comical style to deliver some messages whilst at the same time show students the importance of empathy as a skill that a leader requires.

We look forward to working with Darren in the future to deliver this program to our leaders next year and beyond. I recommend Darren Pereira's 'Leadership Challenge' program to schools wanting to try something different with their students. His program is delivered in a professional manner whilst at the same time capturing student interest through his youthfulness and energy.

Yours sincerely,

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