



# The Knox School

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To whom it may concern,

During The Knox School's Year Ten camp Darren Pereira facilitated an innovative presentation to students regarding goal setting, motivation and the skills to success. After captivating the students throughout, reactions from various individuals were positive and complimentary. With classes exposed to an increasing number of guest speakers it is often difficult to maintain the interest of students. Individual and group participation was a key component of an interactive and student focussed session.

Student interest was maintained continuously and could be gauged by the manner in which they discussed the seminar later that day. Having variety in the presentation ensured that students remained engaged, and the course content relevant.

By providing his own DJ, Darren was able to transfer his energy and enthusiasm as well as the message to students in a vastly different manner. It is a unique concept that connected with students and their direct interest to current music. This was a key component to his success as participants spoke following the session.

Darren is clearly a highly motivated, skilled and professional speaker who inspired and motivated students within the room. He has the ability to connect with individuals in a genuine manner which is essential when attempting to portray a message. Often students are let down by poor presentation of an otherwise excellent program, this was definitely not the case. The enthusiasm that Darren brings to the course is the reason why it has such a high impact.

This is definitely a unique presentation that calls upon various mediums and techniques to connect with students. Having the ability to reach out to one student is positive for our school; however Darren was able to do this with an entire year level. It was definitely a worthwhile exercise and a positive investment for our students.

Yours Sincerely,

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