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Re: Testimony for Darren Pereira

Darren was invited to present his 'Shape your Destiny' and 'Achieve your Best' seminars at the Thomas Carr College annual Year 12 Orientation Program on the 7th and 8th February 2008 to 190 Students. The program is aimed at giving Year 12 students a kick-start to potentially the most important year of their schooling life.

As a teacher I understand the difficulties in keeping a class of students engaged for a lesson, let alone a whole year group for 3 hours. Darren's approach to his seminars is highly motivational, enthusiastic, knowledgeable and in line with the desires of young people today. The use of a DJ really assisted in setting the mood for various parts of the seminar and students were kept inspired and on task throughout the seminar.

The content of the seminars was relevant to students currently completing their VCE or VCAL study courses and Darren was able to make it relative through personal experiences. Student's energy levels were high and they were given clear and specific strategies to help determine their own personal growth and direction for the year and beyond. Darren was successful in creating more positive thought and expressed sincerity in his hope for young people. The follow-up with students via email has also proven to be a valuable resource for a number of students.

The feedback received from the students who attended Darren's seminars was extremely positive and the buzz and level of energy amongst the group has returned with them to school. I have personally gained some new insights and strategies in motivating young people and found Darren's seminars to be a more than worthwhile investment. We look forward to a continued relationship with Darren in the future.

Once again the Year 12 Team at Thomas Carr College thank you!

Kind Regards
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