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Darren Pereira has been presenting the Shape Your Destiny and VCE Success Strategies Workshop for the past three years at Marist-Sion College. This year he also presented, for the first time, his Leadership Challenge Workshop to my 2013 school leaders.

Every workshop presented has been an outstanding success and certainly worth the time and money set aside. His programs are motivational; they are well presented, interactive and pedagogically sound. Most of all, however, it is his ability to engage and to relate to students that makes him such an excellent presenter. Variety is evident in his approach and in the activities he presents to students. From my personal perspective, his willingness to allow me to interact as needed, makes the whole endeavour more real for students; it's not just a show.

Whether it be a leadership group of 30 or a year level of 150 or more he gets their attention and then he KEEPS it, for the entire 3-4 hours. This is no mean feat!

I have and continue to recommend Darren to my colleagues in other schools. His material – always well presented, in photo copyable form for students, forms the basis for an ongoing conversation with students in the hands of a capable and relational teacher.

Darren is charming, articulate, extremely well presented and quite simply somebody students relate to very quickly. Add that to his well researched workshops and you have the basis for excellent, long term learning opportunities for all students.

I could not recommend him more highly.

**John Picinali**

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