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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE : STUART WRIGHT

One of the real challenges in secondary schools today is to motivate students regarding good study habits and to develop them as independent learners particularly as they transition from Secondary School to University and Tertiary Institutions. As Principal of Tawa College I have acquired the services of Stuart Wright over the last four years to speak to students, parents and teachers regarding these issues. Stuart offers a variety of programmes giving students an introduction into learning skills and enabling them to motivate themselves to study more effectively. He also has courses at a more advanced level relating to note-taking and also tailoring their study habits to the particular subject they are working in.

Stuart has spoken to our senior leadership team who have many demands on their time and they found it the most valuable two hours they have spent understanding how they can balance their time and still not sacrifice their academic work. Likewise, teachers felt that his address was the most valuable professional development they have had for some time and in some cases it challenged them to think through their own teaching styles.

Our parents also gave incredible feedback to the extent that one of Stuart's programmes was advertised the day before and we were over-subscribed by 40 the next day. Stuart always asks for feedback from the students and universally they have been positive with words like "brilliant", "awesome", "worthwhile", "really helpful" and "valuable" used often on their evaluation questionnaires.

I would wholeheartedly recommend Stuart's workshops to you. They are good value for money and also have helped create a positive culture regarding learning and studying at Tawa College.



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