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Dear Paula,

It was wonderful to hear you speak again last week. From both a professional and personal point of view I thoroughly enjoyed it. The information you present always enhances my work practices and also gives me a feeling of optimism in caring for young people.

The presentation was very well received by the audience and we continue to receive very positive feedback. We have also had requests to have you speak again at the school. I have contacted Gregory Terrace and although Michael Connelly is currently on long service leave I was able to speak to one of the Counsellors regarding their use of the Friends programme. I am hoping that in the new year we will have the Friends programme as part of pastoral care within our school. Janelle Anderson (Deputy Services) who you meet last week and I are looking closely as to where Friends will fit into our school. We are reviewing Pastoral Care from P to 12 so it covers a wide range and are hoping by next year to have a clear outline for the whole 13 years.

The level of knowledge of child and adolescent development in your lecture was of the highest standard and reflected the latest in international research. You presented it in a way that was both engaging and understandable for both parents and professionals. Whilst you were very direct in confronting parents with the issues it was done in a way that was thought provoking and supported by your affirmation of the importance of parents influence on their children's lives and practical suggestions they could apply.

In planning the lecture the guidelines we use for length are approximately 1 hour for the speaker to present and another half hour for questions. The length of the lecture was nearly two hours and although from our feedback the length of time was commented upon people also commented that the content throughout the whole length of the lecture was interesting and worthwhile and that you held their attention throughout. Part of the issue with length is the hard uncomfortable seats in our chapel.

I think the feedback indicating that people would like to hear you speak again, attests to the quality of your presentation and the success of the evening. Parents are very confused as to what will best help their child's development and your common sense approach to presenting the issues involved in promoting emotional well being in children was very well received and appreciated.

Looking forward to having further contact with you and your colleagues.

Kind Regards and Thanks

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