

MCCLELLAND COLLEGE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Reference for Antonino Catena

I was introduced to Antonino this year and was immediately impressed with his passion for young people and helping them become financially intelligent.

I had Antonino come into the school to speak to my two VCAL classes, each for half a day. He held their attention for the entire time, which in itself is a miracle, focusing on attitudes around money and savings.

I believe Antonino has the potential to really impact our schools with his message regarding 'financial intelligence for teenagers'.

Some of the student comments were:

Year 11

"Excellent...very useful information...made me look at life and work differently and more positive, ...to make mistakes is the only way to learn."

Each session was different..I liked that...I will use this information to save money, and to use money and not let money use me!"

Year 12

These sessions have made me realise 'that anything is possible' and that 'the easy way out' isn't always the best...

...it has changed my life

"I think it was very good and useful information and it is lifelong advice we will need...I have learned that there is nothing wrong with making mistakes...to save and invest... and make money 'work' for me."

Antonino brings a lot of experience to the classroom, and I would love to have him be a part of my VCAL program next year, if extra funding could be found, as we are a low socio-economic school.

Antonino brings a professional approach without being over-bearing, he inspires students and staff alike to be entrepreneurial in their thinking by stating that: "Don't say 'I can't afford it', but ask "How can I afford it?"

I thoroughly recommend Antonino to any organization, especially those who intend to inspire young people to create their futures.

Yours truly

Steven Reid Senior School Coordinator

24th August 2009

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Recently through the Peninsula VCAL Association I met Mr Cantena and contracted him to present a workshop to Year 12 students about Financial Intelligence.

Mr Cantena presented a whole day workshop to about 30 Year 12 students and we were so impressed with how well he engaged students and with the messages he espoused that we will definitely be using Mr Cantena's services next year.

We have plans to have Mr Cantena deliver both the workshop and follow up sessions with all of our Year 12 VCAL students in 2010 (totaling over 60 students), and already word has spread amongst students as to how valuable the workshops were.

Comments on the workshop from Year 12 participants included the following:

"Great program, as before NINO came I didn't know anything about the things he explained to us today, both life skills and money. I will now spend my money wisely and start a savings account."

"I thought the program was very useful for my future on budgeting my money wisely. It also made me realize to not spend my money on unnecessary things "

"It gave me ideas on how to save money and how easy it is to put a bit away each week, and open a savings account that I have never had before"

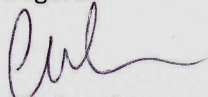
"I think that this information has been 100% beneficial, and I think all teens should hear this!"

"I think that this program was very enlightening. It taught me that I really have to stop buying things I want and only buy things I need, and start saving and use my money responsibly."

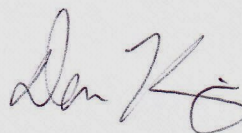
Mr Cantena presented with passion and he has detailed his plans to make these workshops even more affordable. The lessons Mr Cantena presents are both important and valuable and we would love to utilise his expertise and outstanding presentation skills to further enhance our students Financial Intelligence. Currently we can only use Mr Cantena for one-off workshops, as our budget will not allow us to make full use of the outstanding program Mr Cantena has on offer.

I would recommend Mr Cantena's services to anyone wishing to enhance their students' Financial Intelligence.

Regards



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