

Hey Darren,

This is for both you and Lynda as you were the two who I worked with almost all of the time, so if you could pass this to her aswell it would be much appreciated. ☺

I just wanted to say a massive thank-you on a more personal level for everything you did for us on leadership camp. You taught us so many things and helped us to experience things that I never thought we would on a school camp. You should all be so proud of the jobs that you do because I'm pretty sure you changed each and every one of our lives in a big way, much more than we expected. No one who attended the camp has stopped talking about it, in fact, everyone who didn't go is so sick of hearing about it as we can't speak highly enough of what you helped us do. Everyone who didn't go is jealous and almost everyone who did just wants to come back. You know what, we probably will if there is any way that we can. (Is there?)

I think the night walk/scramble was the most life changing part of the journey, we were made to think of others before ourselves and struggle when we failed to think fast. I can't even put into words how much I learned about myself and the life that we all lead as part of being an Australian and as part of being a team. I was exhausted, but it was SO worth it. I loved all the ANZAC stories because you and Lynda both show so much passion for the history of our country. Having a purpose behind every activity just made it that much more meaningful once we had finished and gave us a true realisation of what our countries soldiers have gone through for us. I wish I had your job. It's amazing. In fact I think in a few years it might be what I'd like to be doing. Although I had never considered it before I met you and the rest of the team. You taught us to work together and to respect not only the adults but also each other. By the end of camp the respect I had for you both was far beyond any of my expectations as normally it takes weeks or even months to form THAT kind of true respect for another person which you got in just a few days.

Anyway, I've said way more than I'd planned to, I just wanted to let you both know how completely you've changed my life, attitude and outlook in just a few days and how incredibly thankful and appreciative I am of the job you and the team (cooks included...yum) do and what you and Lynda have done for me and my future actions and decisions.

Thank-you immensely, both of you.

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