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Dear Parents & Students of Year 13

*Welcome back to "Bay College" for 2010.
I trust that you are all refreshed and enthusiastic
about making your final year at secondary school
a productive and meaningful experience*

Introduction:

Mr Darryl Work – Dean of Year 13.

This is my 15th year at Bay of Islands College and I come from a teaching background primarily in P.E. I am currently in Careers Advisor, Gateway Coordinator and teach Forestry and Industry Studies. I have a passion for career planning and assisting students "to explore all avenues" regarding their futures. We have a strong network of relationships with employers, Tertiary Institutions and funding groups which I strongly urge students to access during this year.



Start with: www.careers.govt.nz planning & Exploring
www.breakout.org Funding / Scholarships

Communication:

I welcome contact from both students and parents on any issues that arise during the year.

Students – Come to Careers office and see if I'm free, or leave a message for me.

Parents – Phone 404 1055 ext 827 during school hours.

Year Level Expectations

- To fulfil all commitments that you enter into, academic, sporting, extra curricular
- Be clear on the expectations for involvement and don't over commit.
- To work with the staff and school as a team member- not as an opponent!
- To become self motivated and accountable to achieve your maximum in 2010
- To dress in a manner that promotes both you and the school in a positive manner to the community.
- To maintain 85% accounted for attendance in order to retain mufti privilege.

Uniqueness / Opportunities of Year 13

- Learning opportunities to provide positive leadership and role model identities for junior students.
- Maximise the benefit of small class sizes and individual attention from a dedicated & knowledgeable staff.
- Quickly develop a career philosophy of "information gathering" which becomes more focused on "opportunities" as the year progresses.

In conclusion, I would like to pass on some advice from previous Year 13 dealings. The key to a successful year is **PLANNING** and **COMMUNICATION**. Solve problems early while they are small, by sharing your concerns with the parties involved.

Best wishes
Mr Darryl Work