

COMPELLING DRUG EDUCATION PRESENTATION - Cranbourne Secondary College

(School newsletter and local newspaper article)

Guest speaker Kerry Redpath, author of "Out of the Darkness", delivered a compelling and highly engaging presentation covering her own personal story to VCAL 11 & 12 students on 8 March and to Year 10 students today 22 March 2012.

Having survived drug addiction and consequently, several near-death experiences many years ago, Kerry presented a powerful and personal account of her life with a passion, to reach as many young people as possible, with her stark warning.

Kerry's story added a genuine element to the theoretical content of classes about drugs, alcohol and risk taking.

She spoke candidly about how she started taking drugs, the devastating side-effects that she now suffers as a result of using illicit drugs, motives behind her drug and alcohol use and true stories of friends who lost their lives to drugs.

She revealed the deceptive nature of experimenting with illicit substances and the dangers that come with excessive alcohol consumption.

Kerry concluded her powerful message loud and clear... "Drugs Destroy Lives!" with encouragement and an open question time for our students, who were clearly moved and captivated by her very brave account.

Illicit drug and alcohol use in our society causes immense pain and devastation. It is clear that no school or community group is immune... a fact clearly evident in this presentation.

Jan McAleese,
Proactive & Preventative Programs Manager



Guest Speaker, Kerry Redpath chatting with Year 10 students:
(L-R) Jessica Levett, Cassandra Handfield, Jack Davey, Fiona McKay who commented that Kerry's presentation was not only inspirational but an emotional account that relayed a vital message to young people.