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Mr Andrew Havas,
Chairman,
B'Nai B'rith – Courage to Care (NSW) Incorporated,
PO Box 443,
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NSW, 1340.

Dear Andrew,

During March our entire student population visited the Courage to Care programme held at the Hurstville Regional Museum. This unique programme utilising Holocaust survivors and ordinary people, who helped Jewish residents in Europe by questioning Nazi authority in the 1930s and 1940s, provides an opportunity for young people of today to gain a window on a period of history that is tragic in its consequences but provides real & valuable lessons in humanity for all people today.

The concepts of Courage to Care show how ordinary people can make a difference, and its relevance to modern day school children lies in the highlighting of the horrors of racism and bullying; problems that unfortunately affect many children at school and in the wider world.

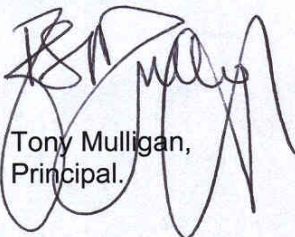
Our evaluation, conducted later at school, showed that the boys understood many of the problems faced by the survivors and recognised how they sometimes had to confront similar problems in their own lives. A clear message was 'don't be a bystander; help people when you see something happening which is wrong.' This especially relates to any school environment when students witness bullying and ignore it happening.

Your organisation's programme provides students with a wonderful method to reflect upon their own, & other people's lives & experiences, & shows how anyone can make a difference if they have the courage & fortitude to act.

As a historian it was a pleasure to see many valuable artefacts & listen to the stories of people who lived in a time of great change, & marvel at how they coped with situations that many of us could not dream of ever experiencing.

I commend you, your organising group, & the wonderful group of storytellers who are custodians of living history.

Best regards,



Tony Mulligan,
Principal.

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