

## **What a great accolade**

**The following two letters, were sent to one of our survivors who met this group from Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College, Tumbi Umbi Campus, in August 2004:**

*Dear Ivan,*

*I felt it important in some ways to pass on my heartfelt gratitude to you for your inspirational seminar at "Courage to Care". I found the experience extremely confronting and vital for my professional development.*

*Our most difficult task as History teachers today is building understanding and empathy in our students. Your seminar achieved more in that thirty minutes than ever I could hope to achieve in two weeks. To have students request a second visit is an indication of the importance of your words. Over the last two weeks my students have demanded more information from the period.*

*Perhaps the most important outcome has been their inability to comprehend how a human being could treat another so callously. They cannot understand how the sanctity of life can be so easily violated. Some had tears in their eyes as they watched Schindler's List and I believe they were thinking of you as they watched. This gives me hope they will never participate nor support such atrocities in their lifetime. The legacy of the last four weeks has been a new-found respect, realization and tolerance towards others. The nature and maturity of my classroom has improved dramatically, with one student of Polish heritage taking a renewed interest in her grandparent's story.*

*Attached is a letter from the young ladies who so warmly thanked you for the seminar. They are the students most deeply affected and their letter demonstrates the extent to which Courage to Care impacted upon their beliefs.*

*Again I take this opportunity to thank you for sharing your history with my class. Your willingness to talk has changed some people's lives.*

*With my deepest respects,  
Neil Anthony Fara. (signed)*

**....and from the students of Class 9B, Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College, Tumbi Umbi Campus, the following:**

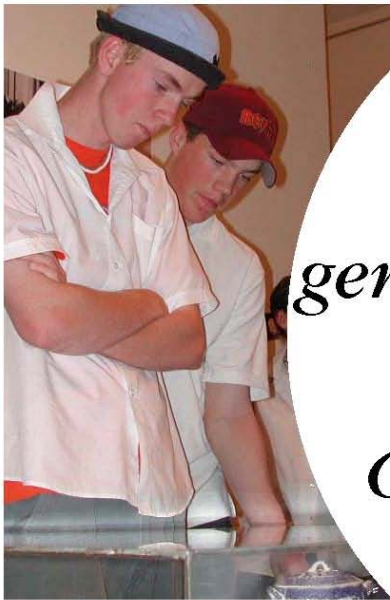
*Dear Ivan and Bettina,*

*On behalf of students who attended 'Courage to Care', we would like to thank you for sharing your story of survival during the Holocaust.*

*We were all extremely touched by this horrific story. Living in today's society we have never experienced such ignorance towards humans of other races.*

*Your stories brought tears to our eyes and we are amazed by your bravery and strength of character. We would like to take this opportunity to say that your history has now become part of our history and we owe you a large debt of gratitude. Thanks to your bravery and willingness to speak out, we are now in a position to pass your story down to other generations. In this way your sacrifice, loss and grief will never be forgotten. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, you have changed our lives.*

***With deepest respect (signed students of 9B)***



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future  
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speak up at  
Courage to Care  
Exhibitions*

