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To whom it may concern:

It is an honour and a privilege to support Mike King and the "Key to Life Trust" by providing a reference.

Mike King visited Wanganui City College recently and made a huge impact with our staff and students with an inspirational korero about his life experiences with depression, alcohol and drug addiction. Mike had an amazing ability to easily interact with our students through his creation of an atmosphere of honesty, trust and love. His passion, hopes, and dreams for our rangatahi was played out in 90 or so minutes, with real life experiences that most of us will never forget. His ability to engage with our students, through active involvement, was outstanding from start to finish and made the audience relax and not feel "whakama" about asking and answering questions.

The feedback that I have had from Mike's talk has been amazing and many students were impressed by the way Mike "manned up" to fight his problems. This takes courage, a great deal of strength and personal commitment, and this was displayed in a way that only Mike can do. It really struck a chord with our kids and staff

From the whanau in Wanganui, I would like to endorse Mike's commitment to our Rangatahi. He is a crusader in this area of mental health and wellbeing, the perfect ambassador for this mahi. If a school is contemplating a visit from Mike, I would advise you to take up the opportunity, as his korero is outstanding and life changing.

On behalf of Te Kura o Te Manawa, (Wanganui City College) I would like to thank Mike and the Key to Life Trust for visiting us and extend to them our love and support for the future.

Kia tau te Rangimarie

Peter Kaua
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