

RADBURN SCHOOL

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Re: Michael Fondacaro - Motivational Speaker

To Whom It May Concern:

Michael Fondacaro visited Radburn School for the first time in 2016 to share his story with students. What his message did was foster a more inclusive climate in our school as well as help our students understand that just because someone is confined to a wheelchair, doesn't mean they can't do everything just like them. We loved his message so much we asked him back again and every year since.

Michael's message is simple. Don't treat me differently because I'm in a wheelchair. Being confined to a wheelchair and only able to communicate through his communication board, Michael is a powerful example to students his resiliency, perseverance and grit. The entire student body (450+ students) were captivated by Michael's presentation highlighting his daily life and his high energy video demonstrating to students all of the amazing and extreme things he can do.

The true benefits of his visit was realized when a parent shared with me how her daughter asked a student alone at lunch to sit with she and her friends. This student was suffering from a degenerative disease and could have easily been overlooked. However, these students embraced Michael's message and included this new friend.

It is for these reasons that we highly recommend Michael's presentation. His motivational assembly helps students understand that he is not just a boy in a wheelchair, he is so much more...

Sincerely,



Jill Lindsay
Principal