Disabilities unwelcome at Marist

The year 2011 is not looking like a very positive year academically for year 12 Marist regional college student Jacob Riley. Some say this is because I very high lack of discipline in him, but he begs to differ. Blaming at least 2 months of absences on sickness and absence of his contact lenses, Jacob said he did not feel comfortable going back to his classes because ‘they (teachers) judge to quickly and don’t take into account I have dyslexia’. Jacob is interested in getting the studio job in 2012 but the likelihood of that happening is highly improbable. Jacob’s mother has been called numerous amounts of time by teachers and year level coordinators. Nothing has seemed to have affected his view on attending classes. ‘I don’t attend classes because teachers do not step out to me; this makes it really hard considering my disorder’. Jacob has very late assignments in all subjects. Friend Xavier Flynn says ‘Attendance to school is mandatory and with as many absences as Jacob it’s looking like his going to fail grade 12, which is sad because he’s a pretty cool bloke’.

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Crazy Drivers

Early Friday morning students from Marist Regional College were horrified to witness the reckless driving of a fellow student. The female driver of the vehicle came close to causing a fatal collision.

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