



## Mayors Message

In an effort to cut down on waste and walk gently on this planet, this is a recycled speech from the North Island Secondary School graduation ceremony on June 24th.

I am going to do you all a big favour this evening, because I fully understand that this night is not about us speakers on the stage. Its about your supportive parents and families, its about the dedicated staff here at NISS and mostly its about these beautiful young souls before you tonight.

I will spare you graduates, the lectures and wisdom of my generation and I'll spare you life advice. However, I will share with you that a huge part of growing and learning are the great mistakes you will make, cataclysmic blunder.

Your challenges to forces like gravity, authority, taxes, and love will be met with defeat, once or twice. Accepting a loss or two never means you have to like it, but it is okay to experience it. Remember, life is good and better things lie ahead.

Savour the wins and learn from the losses. The best education is to keep on learning. I assure you, that everyone of you has an advantage in your future because you have ALL of this support traveling with you. So go forth into this great world and be proud of the North Island because the North Island is very, very proud of you!

## James J Furney



