Kia ora and a warm welcome to the Students of Accelerate Year 9 and 10, our Deputy Principal Mr Dalton, Whāea Jacque and other attendant staff.

It is my pleasure to introduce the Honourable Mr Todd McClay MP, who has honoured us with his presence today.

Mr McClay has enjoyed a most fascinating and rewarding career, which has included being elected ambassador of the Cook Islands in 2000, and involved creating 3 successful offices located in Te Puke, Kawarau and Rotorua.

But I think it will come better from the man himself. So without further ado, I would now like to invite Mr McClay forward to address the RBHS Accelerate classes of 2014.

Please give Mr Todd McClay a warm round welcome (Applause)