



**Kyla Hei Hei, 22 – Miss Franklin 2006, Miss International NZ, Miss South Pacific NZ**

Kyla is Head Teacher at Prickly Hedgehog Preschool in Pukekohe. She is interested in working out and being fit and healthy. Kyla loves travel and representing New Zealand.

**What are your current interests?**

**Have they changed because of the pageant?**

I am very interested in my job. It's fun and filled with bubbly little kids. My interests are baking, especially banana cake and chocolate self-saucing pudding. I love socialising with friends and whanau. My interests have changed because now I love looking for evening gowns!

**If there was one outstanding thing you gained from the experience so far, what would it be? And what's the hardest part for you?**

One thing I've gained from the experience is the ability to feel confident in front of hundreds of people and to want to be onstage. The adrenalin rush is so overpowering. The hardest part is the night before – I am extremely nervous and have a “mental breakdown,” but in one way, that is kind of my favourite bit because I come out of it motivated to kick butt.

**Would you encourage others to enter a beauty pageant?**

Yes, definitely. It's a place where you learn how to walk, talk, stand up straight and talk about world peace (ha ha, just joking.) Beauty pageants are a great way to build confidence, meet new people and possibly represent New Zealand in an overseas pageant. They are full of opportunities.

**Which celebrity would you invite to a dinner party and why?**

Chef Ramsey off Hells Kitchen, He is awesome entertainment though a bit fierce, but there's nothing wrong with that.

**What bothers you most about what is happening in your country today?**

Living in South Auckland there is a fear of violence. This is one thing that bothers me because I don't want to feel unsafe in my own community. For example the hand bag snatch in Manukau city. That incident was really shocking.

**If you could be on the cover of any magazine, which would you chose and why?**

Probably the Mana Magazine, because it is a magazine that promotes Maori and their achievements. Not how much weight one's lost or who wore the dress the best.

**What is your definition of success?**

Trying your hardest at something you want to achieve. Even if you fail, success is something that you decide.

**What do you think is the biggest challenge for young people today?**

Money. Everything is so expensive, just everyday living costs take all your money.

**What famous person do you think your personality is similar to?**

I found this question really hard, probably because I don't know any famous people let alone their personality. But in saying that I really like Cameron Diaz in some of her movies, as she is very quirky and dorky so maybe some of my personality reflects that.

**If you could change one thing about the world what would it be?**

Petrol prices would be one thing that I would change as I know it affects everyone. Surely one would like to spend their well earned money on food and their mortgage then on \$100 worth of petrol that lasts a few days.

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