



Generation V(ictoria): 2008

- School leavers this year were mainly born in 1990. This means they were born after Cyclone Bola, the Share Market Crash, the first Rugby World Cup, the passing of the Homosexual Law Reform Bill, and New Zealand becoming nuclear free.
- They do not remember when The Simpsons started, and know William Shatner as Denny Crane not Captain Kirk.
- They do not know why we ‘dial’ a phone number
- Colin McCahon, Keith Holyoake, and Jean Batten have always been dead.
- “Think Big” is a motivational phrase not a political regime.
- They have no idea who Max Headroom or the Goodnight Kiwi are.
- Rugby players have always been well paid.
- Having two cellphones has always been a reasonable idea.
- New Zealand has never had one and two cent coins.
- Newspapers have always been on the internet.
- They don’t know where “The Truth is Out There” came from, or what “big hair” or an “L.P.” are.
- New Zealand has had a woman Prime Minister for half their lives.
- South Africa plays rugby against New Zealand every year, and there’s no cause for concern.
- Nelson Mandela has always been free and a force in South Africa.
- Google is both a verb and a noun.
- *Charles In Charge* refers to the situation when the Queen dies.
- A “wireless” is an internet connection not a transistor radio.
- Smoking inside has always been a social faux pas.
- Virtual reality has always been available when the real thing failed.
- They accept that they will be asked for ID in bars until they are 25 and that a pint of beer will cost more than \$5.
- Library catalogues have always been online.
- They have daily real-time communication with their best friend in London, but only contact their parents in Lower Hutt when they need money.

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