

Tihei Mauri Ora!

Make a contribution

*Mate atu he tetekura, ara ake he tetekura
As one chief dies, another rises to take their place*



For over a century, Te Aute College has been instrumental in shaping some of Māoridom's finest leaders. Last month, 15 former Te Aute College students were acknowledged for setting high benchmarks for future generations of Māori leaders. One of the First XV was Victoria University's foundation Professor of Māori Studies, Sir Hirini Moko Mead. Speaking of another great former student, he says John Waititi was a remarkable man for his time. He made a great contribution to Māoridom as a whole, to education, and then moved on. He had very strong feelings that ***“one should make a contribution – that you don't just go through life just enjoying it and milking it for whatever you can. The idea that everybody has a contribution to make - I think, would have come out of our Te Aute experience”***.

Leadership is ever changing. There are always new leaders emerging with their own unique styles of leadership to take over from ones' gone. Those who led before are no longer seen and memories invariably fade as people turn their attention to working with the new leadership in addressing current issues and challenges so that the futures of our tamariki and mokopuna are assured. Yes, life goes on, but make your mark in whatever you do. *Kia pai tó wiki!*



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