

Tihei Mauri Ora!

It's a tall order

Kei a tātau tēnei ao; kei a tātau hoki ēnei iti kahurangi

This is our world; these are the challenges we must strive to overcome



New Zealand's former High Commissioner in the Solomon Islands, Fiji, and the Cook Islands, Tia Barrett, of Ngāti Maniapoto, considered that being indigenous demands of us high levels of achievement, competency in traditional cultural values, and being equipped to meet the needs of a highly competitive world. ***That is a tall order***, and requires more of us than of the non-indigenous. But, in fact, I think the well-educated, well-rounded, successful indigenous person stands tall as an outstanding achiever”.

Are you ready to demand the very best from yourself? Some people simply say that they're the best they can be. They preach quality, but give mediocrity. They speak loudly, but don't back it up. We owe it to ourselves to take challenging roads, choose great dreams, make lofty goals, and demand the best of ourselves. Only by demanding the best will we ever really become so. Of course it's a tall order, but even the ordinary are capable of extraordinary feats – when they put their mind to it. *Kia pai tō wiki!*



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