

Tihei Mauri Ora!

We must go with it

Ka pu te ruha, ka hao te rangatahi

The old net is cast aside, the new net goes fishing



Sir Maui Pomare KBE, CMG (1875–1930), of Ngāti Mutunga and Ngāti Toa, health reformer and our first Māori medical doctor, was known for his efforts to improve Māori health and living conditions. He was also a formidable politician and member of the Young Māori Party. In his capacity as a politician he urged Māori people to embrace education saying, the tide of wisdom and progress is sweeping on and ***we must go with it***. ***Education*** is to be the future paddle for our canoe. If we do not take advantage of what is before us we will be swept into oblivion. This is the history of the world. The day has dawned!

That clarion call is still highly relevant today, and for future generations. We know, education has an immense impact on Māori society – from the young to those older. As a basic human right, it gives us the knowledge of the world around us and is important because it equips us with all that is needed to make our dreams come true. But no matter what, education is also the key that will allow our rangatahi in particular to move up in the world, seek better jobs and ultimately succeed fully in life. Kia pai tō wiki!



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