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 Ngáti Mutunga and Ngáti Toa, health reformer and our first Máori medical doctor, was known for his efforts to improve Máori health and living conditions. He was also a formidable politician and member of the Young Máori Party. In his capacity as a politician he urged Máori 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 Máori 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 tó wiki!

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