

# *Tihei Mauri Ora!*

## *Aim High*

*Kei roto i a koe tō ake mana. Whaia te iti kahurangi, ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei.*  
*Within each of us lies a seed of potential. Seek that which you most desire. If you bow your head,*  
*be it only to a lofty mountain. Set your sights high and never take a lesser path.*



On 17 July 2009 President Barack Obama marked the centennial of the African-American civil rights group, NAACP, by calling on its leaders to tackle modern-day problems. Obama urged black parents to take responsibility for their children and encourage them to aspire to great things.

"That means putting away the Xbox and putting our kids to bed at a reasonable hour," he said. "It means attending those parent-teacher conferences, reading to our kids and helping them with their homework." He said it also means "looking after neighbors' children and setting higher goals". "They might think they've got a pretty good jump shot or a pretty good flow, but our kids can't all aspire to be the next LeBron or Lil Wayne", he said ***"I want them aspiring to be scientists and engineers, doctors and teachers, not just ballers and rappers. I want them aspiring to be a Supreme Court justice. I want them aspiring to be President of the United States"***

The US President's remarks are equally relevant for Māori living in Aotearoa, today.

Kia pai tō wiki!



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