

REN XUE

Aotearoa Retreat Centre GUIDING BEACONS

We live from the Heart:

1. We are grounded in the heart, approach things in an inspiring and aspirational way, and embed 5 Xin in everything we do.
2. We are joyful and approach what we do with our contagious passion and as play!
3. We are wisdom based, distilling our wisdom from teachings, each other, and life experience.

We see life as a Totality:

4. We ask and are led by the answer to "is it beneficial for all?"
5. We recognize and value the paradoxical nature of life and seek to embrace a "both" as opposed to an "either/or" view.
6. We are present and remember that 'whatever is happening now is perfect.'

We see Humans and Nature are one:

7. We have a deep sense of gongxi for where we are. We are in harmony with nature with a deep and genuine relationship in the past-present-future of this place.
8. We are guided by the concepts of being simple, pragmatic, beautiful, sustainable, healthy, natural and meaningful.

We embrace Inclusiveness & Openness:

9. We honour and have a natural relationship with the Te Ao Maori worldview and seek to deepen this when possible.
10. We are intergenerational in approach for both now and the future.
11. We are open & freely share what we learn with all - locally, nationally and globally.