



# THE OBI ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER

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## OUTWARD BOUND HONG KONG

**Within the international network of OB Schools and wider social, cultural and ecological communities in which they operate, we recognise the natural world and future generations as key stakeholders. As such we are committed to:**

- (Re) connecting students to nature, to themselves, to each other, and to places; developing ecological awareness and understanding; and fostering environmental stewardship and empowerment
- Improving our environmental performance; reducing our energy use and carbon emissions across our operations
- Integrating environmental education across our operations, teaching and instruction practice
- Action and education for the climate crisis

**We will reduce our impact through careful measurement and analysis, behavioural change, and innovative practice in the following areas:**

- 1. Education:** Strengthen participants' understanding of and connection to themselves, each other, and the natural world. Empower students towards positive behavioural change.
- 2. Field operations:** Evolve our "tread lightly" principles to ensure our field operations are environmentally and culturally sustainable
- 3. Carbon:** Reduce and where possible offset carbon emissions.
- 4. Energy:** Explore opportunities for energy efficiency and reduce overall consumption across operations.
- 5. Waste:** Reduce, re-use and re-cycle as much waste material as possible across our operations. Look to integrate circular economy principles where possible.
- 6. Water:** Conserve water and adopt geographically-appropriate/ responsible methods of waste water discharge.
- 7. Supply chains:** Work with our partners and suppliers to help us achieve the above goals, and to promote sustainable practice in relation to their operations.

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