

ACT BSSS Certification

- Year 12 Certificate
- Tertiary Entrance Statement
- Statement of Attainment

Key Points about the ACT

- It uses school based assessment
- There are no exams

The Australian National Curriculum

- All states & territories now follow the Australian National Curriculum and as part of the ACT we also follow it.
- Certification and assessment is State based and we follow the ACT

Australian Capital Territory
SENIOR SECONDARY RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT



B S S S
 BOARD OF
 SENIOR
 SECONDARY
 STUDIES



LITERATURE	T-Major		
Unit 1: Ways of Reading and Creating		1.0	A
Unit 2: Intertextuality		1.0	A
Unit 3: Power of Literature		1.0	A
Unit 4a: Literary Interpretations		0.5	A
SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS	T-Double Major		
Unit 1: Specialist Mathematics		1.0	A
Unit 5: Specialist Mathematics		1.0	A
Unit 2: Specialist Mathematics		1.0	A
Unit 6: Specialist Mathematics		1.0	A
Unit 3: Specialist Mathematics		1.0	A
Unit 7: Specialist Mathematics		1.0	A
Unit 4: Specialist Mathematics		1.0	A
PHYSICS	T-Major		
Unit 1: Introductory Physics		1.0	A
Unit 2: Energy Transfer & Waves		1.0	A
Unit 3: Fields and Quantum Mechanics		1.0	A
Unit 4a: Modern Physics		0.5	A
CHEMISTRY	T-Major		
Unit 1: Introduction to Chemistry		1.0	A
Unit 2: Atom Structure, Redox & Organic		1.0	A
Unit 3: Chemical Bonding & Equilibrium		1.0	A
Unit 4a: Periodicity		0.5	A
BIOLOGY	T-Major		
Unit 1: Biodiversity & Connectedness		1.0	A
Unit 2: Cells & Organisms		1.0	B
Unit 3: Heredity & Continuity of Life		1.0	A
Unit 4a: Homeostatic Systems		0.5	B
CONTINUING FRENCH	T-Major		
The Individual's Experience		1.0	B
Society and Community		1.0	A
The Changing World		1.0	A
Diverse Perspectives a		0.5	A
CULTURAL	R		
the Arts - Dance Performance		0.5	Pass
the Arts - School Musical		0.5	Pass
the Arts - School Musical		0.0	Pass
COMMUNITY SERVICE	R		
Community - Service		1.5	Pass
Community - Service		0.0	Pass

Principal

Chair



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LITERATURE**T-Major**

- Unit 1: Ways of Reading and Creating
- Unit 2: Intertextuality
- Unit 3: Power of Literature
- Unit 4a: Literary Interpretations

1.0	A
1.0	A
1.0	A
0.5	A

SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS**T-Double Major**

- Unit 1: Specialist Mathematics
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1.0	A

PHYSICS**T-Major**

- Unit 1: Introductory Physics
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BIOLOGY**T-Major**

Yr 12 Certificate

- Shows the grades obtained at the school for each unit of work
- One unit is one semester's work
- Grade is the grade awarded by the school based on the assessments set within the school and reported on semester report
- Grades are reviewed in Canberra
- Can be appealed

This is to certify that



who attended

Port Moresby International School

has met the requirements for the award of an
Australian Capital Territory Senior Secondary Certificate



This is a Senior Secondary Certificate of Education within the Australian Qualifications Framework

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Yr. 12 Certificate is not a Tertiary Entrance Document

- Students seeking a Tertiary Entrance require the Tertiary Entrance Statement
- 65-70% of ACT students get a TES ie. 30-35% just get the Yr 12 Certificate

Tertiary Entrance Statement

- Must sit at least 4 Tertiary Subjects
- Most of our subjects are Tertiary- the only non-tertiary subjects are – Essential Maths, Music, Food for Life, Furniture Construction & IT (A)
- Must sit Australian Scaling Test in Gr. 12
- **THERE ARE NO EXTERNAL EXAMS IN ACT SYSTEM**



Courses	Course Length	Scaled Scores	Weighting	Weighted Scaled Scores
T LITERATURE	Major	168.01		
T SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS	Double Major	168.96	0.6	101.37
T PHYSICS	Major	169.97	1.0	169.97
T CHEMISTRY	Major	173.71	1.0	173.71
T BIOLOGY	Major	175.83	1.0	175.83
T CONTINUING FRENCH	Major	160.60		

Aggregate Score 621

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank 89.85

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Tertiary Entrance Statement

Requires

- 20 Standard Units
- 3 Majors and 3 Minors or 4 Majors and 1 Minor
- at least 3 Majors must be 'T' and one other Major or Minor must be 'T'
- 18 Standard Units must be 'BSSS' units
'A', 'T' or 'V' i.e. not 'R' (Registered)
- minimum of 7 Terms
- sit ACT Scaling Test

T Course and A Courses

- T = Tertiary
- A = Accredited
- The grades for all courses are reported on the Yr 12 Certificate
- Only the scores for the T courses are used to calculate the ATAR and appear on the TES
- You need to do at least 4 T courses to get the ATAR & TES

The ACT system is based on
continuous internal assessment
done in semester units

Unit Assessment

Typical Items

- Chemistry practical report
- English journal
- Mathematics test
- Graphics design project
- Music performance
- Art portfolio
- Geography fieldwork

Continuing French 3

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|----------------------|-----|
| • Oral | 15% |
| • Essay | 15% |
| • Listening Exercise | 10% |
| • Writing test | 20% |
| • Interview | 15% |
| • Major assignment | 15% |
| • Reading exercise | 10% |

Unit Outlines

- Unit outlines are given to students before end of third week
- They indicate content, timing of assessment items and assessment regulations



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Unit & Assessment Semester Outline for Students & Parents Grades 11 – 12.

Year	2016	Semester	1	Grade	12	Unit Value	1.0
Curriculum	PNG/ACT						
Subject Title/s	Language & Literature						
Course Name	English T incorporating Australian Curriculum						
Unit Name	Comparative Texts						
Course Code				Unit Code			

Assessment Tasks

Week Due	Topic(s)	Type of Task	Weighting
5	Philosophy	Memoir	30%
9	Novel	In-class essay test	40%
15	Drama	Dramatic Monologue	30%

Learning outcomes against which the students will be reported

Identifies and Interprets literal meanings
Analyses and evaluates abstract ideas
Demonstrates knowledge of textual features
Researches and applies research knowledge appropriately
Writes accurately and fluently in appropriate genres/registers
Speaks accurately and fluently in appropriate genres/registers

Summary of Content

Weeks	Content Outline	Curriculum Links
1-2	Philosophy & Philosophers: A Guide To Happiness. *Introduction, Background & Relevance	R, L,S &V
3-4	Philosophy: A Guide To Happiness Responses	W&VC
5-6	Drama - Death of a Salesman. Introduction and Background. Research The American Dream.	L/W&VC
7-8	Drama - Death of a Salesman. Responses.	W&VC
9-10	Drama - Death of a Salesman Assessments.	S&L
11-12	Novel Study - Touching the Void or One Day In The Life Of Ivan Denisovich Introduction and Background.	R
13-14	Novel Study - Touching the Void or One Day In The Life Of	W&VC

Unit Score

- Based on an aggregation of assessments
- Incorporates *moderation procedures* for meshed groups
eg Mathematics – Specialist Maths, Maths Methods & Further Maths
- Reported on a scale that is a ‘predictor’ of a likely scaled score (70/12) to (150,25)
(Scale informed by past performance and professional judgement) -Historic Parameters Always maintains ranking and spacing of aggregated assessments
- Directly comparable from unit to unit within a course
- As comparable as possible from course to course



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ACADEMIC RECORD**

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				Year	99	Group	11.3
Total Course Areas	6	Total Eligible Units	29.5	Total Eligible Completed Units	29.5	Intends T	Yes
Repeat	No	T/A/M/H/E Std Units	0.0	T/A/M/H/E Completed Std Units	0.0	Start date	30-Jan-2023
		Total Units	31.5	Total Completed Units	31.5	Finish date	15-Nov-2024

011 - 0001	LITERATURE		T - Major	COURSE SCORE = 76.59
00846	T 2023,S1 LIT	Unit 1: Ways of Reading and Creating	1.0	77.5 A
01930	T 2023,S2 LIT	Unit 2: Intertextuality	1.0	74.5 B
01967	T 2024,S1 LIT	Unit 3: Power of Literature	1.0	74.5 B
01968	T 2024,Q3 LIT	Unit 4a: Literary Interpretations	0.5	80.1 A
			3.5	Std Units
101 - 1120	SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS IB/AC		T - Double Major	COURSE SCORE = 67.86
970S2L	T 2023,S1 SMIB	Unit 1: Specialist Mathematics IB/AC	1.0	68.3 C
970S2X	T 2023,S1 SMIB	Unit 5: Specialist Mathematics IB/AC	1.0	65.5 D
970S2Z	T 2023,Q3 SMIB	Unit 2: Specialist Mathematics IB/AC	1.0	69.6 C
970S32	T 2023,Q4 SMIB	Unit 6: Specialist Mathematics IB/AC	1.0	70.2 C
970S2R	T 2024,S1 SMIB	Unit 3: Specialist Mathematics IB/AC	1.0	58.7 D
970S38	T 2024,S1 SMIB	Unit 8: Specialist Mathematics IB/AC	1.0	68.2 C
970S2V	T 2024,Q3 SMIB	Unit 4a: Specialist Mathematics IB/AC	0.5	63.6 C
970S36	T 2024,Q3 SMIB	Unit 7a: Specialist Mathematics IB/AC	0.5	63.7 B
			7.0	Std Units
201 - 2448	PHYSICS		T - Major	COURSE SCORE = 72.85
23585	T 2023,S1 PHYS	Unit 1: Introductory Physics	1.0	63.5 C
23586	T 2023,S2 PHYS	Unit 2: Energy Transfer & Waves	1.0	71.9 B
23587	T 2024,S1 PHYS	Unit 3: Fields and Quantum Mechanics	1.0	78.7 B
23588	T 2024,Q3 PHYS	Unit 4a: Modern Physics	0.5	69.7 B
			3.5	Std Units
202 - 2450	CHEMISTRY		T - Major	COURSE SCORE = 73.74
23591	T 2023,S1 CHEM	Unit 1: Introduction to Chemistry	1.0	74.2 B
23592	T 2023,S2 CHEM	Unit 2: Atom Structure, Redox & Organic	1.0	73.6 B
23593	T 2024,S1 CHEM	Unit 3: Chemical Bonding & Equilibrium	1.0	72.0 B
23594	T 2024,Q3 CHEM	Unit 4a: Periodicity	0.5	74.2 A
			3.5	Std Units
301 - 3239	MODERN HISTORY		T - Major	COURSE SCORE = 69.38
33671	T 2023,S1 M HIST	Unit 2: Change in the 20th Century	1.0	62.3 C
32853	T 2023,S2 MHIST	Unit 4: The Modern World since 1945	1.0	66.7 B
33670	T 2024,S1 M HIST	Unit 1: Understanding the Modern World	1.0	74.9 B
970LLV	T 2024,Q3 MHIST	Unit 3a: Modern Nations	0.5	67.8 C
			3.5	Std Units
501 - 5865	BEGINNING FRENCH		T - Major	COURSE SCORE = 58.41
59513	T 2023,S1 BEGFR	The Individual	1.0	59.4 B
59516	T 2023,S2 BEGFR	Society and Community	1.0	64.4 C
59519	T 2024,S1 BEGFR	The Changing World	1.0	40.4 C
59523	T 2024,Q3 BEGFR	Diverse Perspectives a	0.5	55.1 C
			3.5	Std Units

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V Grades

- Students failing to complete a unit are awarded a V grade
- This means that unit will not count towards their final score
- This can have grave implications leading to non award of tertiary entrance
- As soon as student fails to complete an assessment task they must be warned of possible V Grade



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Date: ____/____/____

Parents of _____

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Warning of Possible V Grade Due to Non Completion of Assessment Item

I am writing to inform you that your child _____
has failed to complete the following assessment instrument

_____ within the time
permitted ie. four days after due date or requested extension time.

Under ACT regulations a student who fails to complete 70% of the assessment for a semester is given a V Grade. This means that the unit is voided and the student receives no credit for the unit, a student must complete 17 units to obtain a grade 12 certificate and 20 units to obtain a tertiary entrance. The missed assessment instrument was worth _____ % of the assessment.

This means that _____ has now missed _____ % of this unit's assessment.

If the assessment is completed before the end of the semester then your child will receive credit for it so that it will count to their total of units but will not receive a mark.

Yours faithfully,

BSSS processes

- **Australian Scaling Test**
 - Multiple choice test out of 85, a written paper & Short Response Test
System Mean = 150 and Standard Deviation = 25
- **Raw Course Scores** submitted by colleges
- **Scale Course Scores**
by Other Course Score Scaling
- **Aggregate Scores**
best 3 majors and 0.6 of next major or minor
- **Candidate Ranking (TER)** against other ACT Year 12s
- **Cohort Ranking (ATAR)** against NSW equivalent Age Cohort

BSSS Student Profiles Online

- personal details
- academic record, including current enrolments
- assessment item results for ‘published’ assessment items
- unit results for completed units

BSSS Student Profiles Online

- course results for completed courses (For Year 12 Students)
- Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications being done through the school system.
- Tertiary Entrance Statement (TES) for students who have completed a T package, once ATARs are available



This application allows Students in years 11 and 12 to check:

- Personal Details
- Academic Records
- VET Progress

ACT Government College students should log in [here](#)

Use your Student Id and Student Profiles password to log in.

Student Id

Password

Remember Me

[Register](#) if you don't have an account
[Reset](#) your password if you have forgotten it.



Subjects for Tertiary Course



<https://www.uac.edu.au/assets/documents/year-10/year-10-booklet-2027.pdf>

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The POMIS curriculum is a dynamic and holistic educational experience that fosters intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and personal growth. Grounded in international best practices, our curriculum embraces diversity and nurtures a global perspective. Students are empowered to explore a broad range of subjects, from core academics to arts, sports, and community service. With dedicated and skilled educators, we strive to cultivate well-rounded individuals who are equipped to thrive in an ever-changing world. At PMIS, learning goes beyond the classroom, encouraging students to develop character, compassion, and a lifelong love for knowledge.

POMIS is accredited by a number of different organisations.

English

https://www.pmis.iea.ac.pg/curriculum/test

Tertiary Resources

For PNG Tertiary places the DHERST (Department of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology) document should be consulted. The latest copy is here - [DHERST](#).

Students considering studying in Australia need to consult the Tertiary Admissions Centres in the different states and territories.

We offer the ACT Senior School Certificate so students can apply to any University in Australia.

Here is a list of links to the Tertiary Admissions Centres.

[QUEENSLAND](#)

[NEW SOUTH WALES & THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY](#)

[SOUTH AUSTRALIA & THE NORTHERN TERRITORY](#)

[WESTERN AUSTRALIA](#)

[VICTORIA](#)

[TASMANIA](#)

As an example of the course documents you can find the NSW/ACT document from the UAC [here](#).

Applying for UNI- NSWACT

- Students will be issued with a PIN for the UAC website
- www.uac.edu.au
- They can apply for up to 6 courses for \$AU 70

Applying for UNI –Other States

- Students apply direct to the uni
- Need to make it clear to the uni that although they are in PNG they will get an AUS Tertiary Entrance (ATAR)
- Their ATAR is used

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21 February.

IEVSA will be speaking to all G11 & 12 students.

They will be bringing up reps from
Griffith University and Qld TAFE.

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14 March.

A uni-fair exclusively for our G11 & 12 students.

The uni-fair will also be held on March 15 & 16 for other school's senior students.