Lae International School

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THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

Students in Year 11 and 12 at LIS are offered the choice to study the required subjects to receive the PNG Upper Secondary School Certificate (PNG USSC).

The PNG Department of Education prescribes a set course of study in English, Mathematics A or B, the Sciences or the Humanities, which are externally examined at the end of Year 12. Optional courses as offered by the school and approved by the PNG Education Department are internally assessed and externally acknowledged.

Papua New Guinea Department of Education

All courses offered at LIS for the requirement of the PNG USSC are also ACT accredited, thus enabling a PNG USSC student to obtain two certificates at the end of Year 12 and giving every opportunity for acceptance to the Universities of Papua New Guinea and overseas.

Year 11 students must select either the Science or the Humanities stream

PNG USSC	AREA	ACT COURSES
Language & Literature	ENGLISH	English - T
Mathematics A Mathematics B	MATHEMATICS	Mathematical Methods - T Essential Mathematics - A
Biology Chemistry Physics	SCIENCES	Biology - T Chemistry - T Physics - T
Business Economics History	HUMANITIES	Business – T Economics – T History - T
Information Technology	IT	Information Technology - T

THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

Students in Years 11 and 12 can complete the requirements for the ACT Senior Secondary Certificate. The Board of Senior Secondary Subjects accredits all of the courses listed above. The ACT Education System is based on internal assessment by each school and does not have public examinations at the end of Year 12. However, each semester, staff from LIS present portfolios of students' work at Moderation Meetings in Canberra to ensure assessments are comparable. The courses taught in Years 11 and 12 are developed by the ACT Schools Authority for inclusion in the school education program.

Units*:* A student's course of study consists of six subjects in Years 11 and 12. In most subjects a course over two years will consist of 3 Semester Units plus 1 Term (half Semester) unit.

Courses*:* A course is a combination of units with coherence of purpose. Courses fall into two categories, A (accredited) courses or T (Tertiary) courses.

A Courses are considered by the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies to be educationally sound and appropriate for students studying in Years 11 and 12.

T Courses are approved for use in calculating the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). T courses provide good preparation for higher education. In considering the T classification of a course specific consideration has been given to course content, presentation and methods of assessment.

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

The teachers determine the assessment of each unit and course offered by the school. Assessment of most units consists of a mix of assignments, practical work, class work, tests and exams. All assessment packages undergo a moderation procedure twice a year with the BSSS and teachers of the same course in ACT schools.

UNIT AND COURSE SCORES

For each unit completed in a subject, students receive a mark as well as a letter Year on a scale from A to E. Course scores are calculated only for T courses at the end of Year 12.

TERTIARY PACKAGE

The correct combination of subjects will allow your ATAR to be calculated by the BSSS for use by tertiary institutions in the selection of applicants for entry. The ATAR is a ranking which indicates how a student has performed compared to other Year 12 students in Australia. Students who wish to have an ATAR calculated must sit the AST (Australian Scaling Test).

ACT SENIOR SECONDARY CERTIFICATE

The Certificate is issued, in two parts - the Secondary College Record and the Supplementary Information for Tertiary Entrance. The Secondary College Record contains a record of all units and courses studied during Years 11 and 12. Explanations appear on the Certificate explaining the Years. The Supplementary Information for Tertiary Entrance will list all Tertiary Classified Courses a student has studied together with their AST scaled scores, and is awarded to any student who completes a tertiary package as outlined previously.