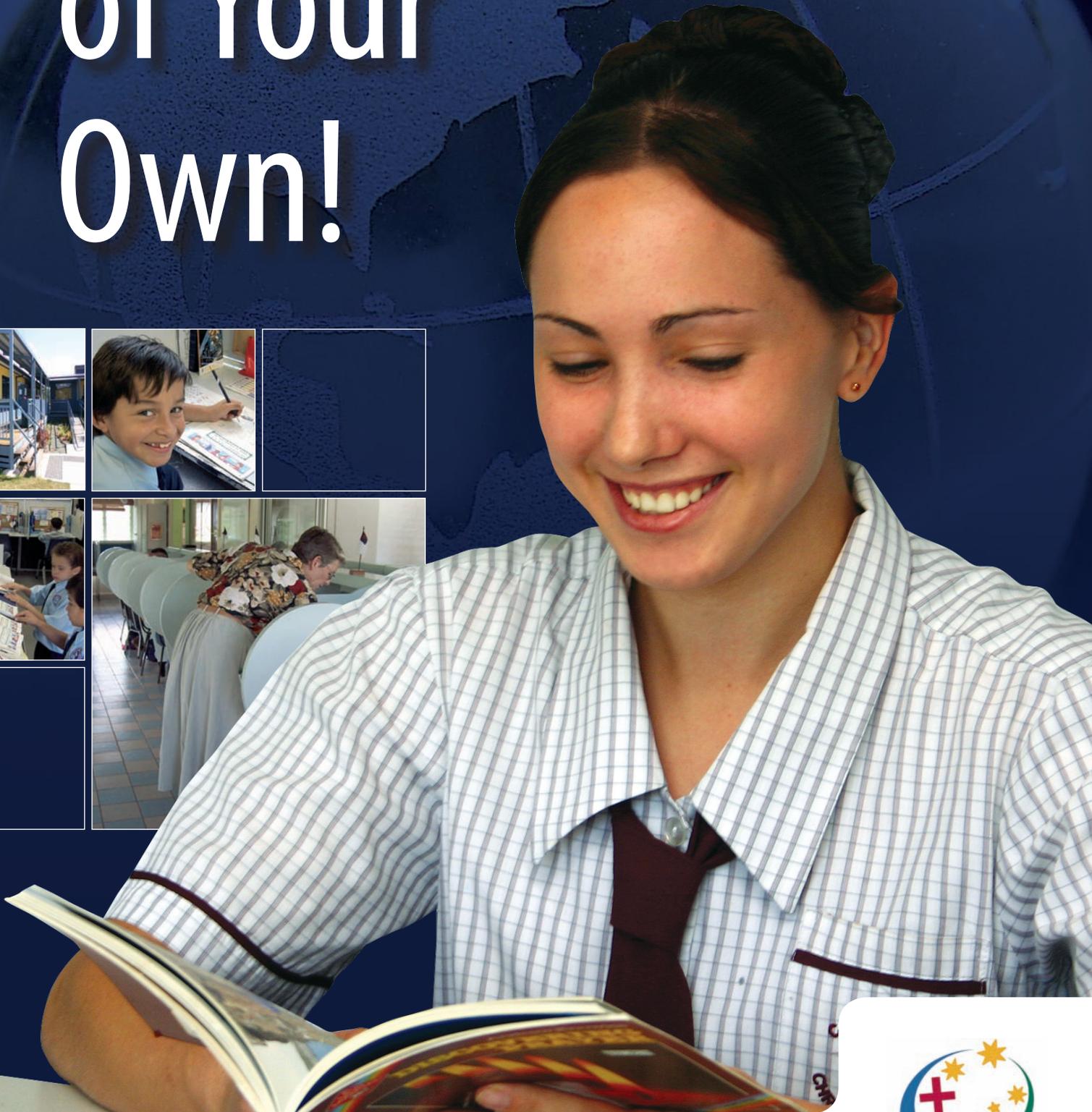


In a Class of Your Own!



Accelerated Christian Education

Teaching students how to live, not just how to make a living!



Southern Cross
EDUCATIONAL ENTERPRISES

Accelerated Christian Education



Accelerated Christian Education (A.C.E.) for more than 30 years, has offered professional expertise in curriculum, hardware, software, and in-service training for global Biblical educational reform.

The A.C.E curriculum is character-building, value-based, individualised and promotes academic excellence. Using this concept of individualised learning, students don't just get by – they get ahead!

A.C.E. is a primary and secondary academic programme that combines traditional christian values with

completely individualised, diagnostically-prescribed learning. A.C.E. gives you one of the most unique twenty-first century educational programmes available.

We provide leadership training for educators in the distinctives of the A.C.E. curriculum and programmes. Educators are also updated annually through seminars and conventions. The training focuses on wisdom, the chief distinctive of the curriculum. A worldwide Ministry Representative team of professional educators currently services over 8,000 schools and thousands of home educators in 135 countries.

DISTINCTIVES OF THE A.C.E. PROGRAMME:

- Bible-based instruction
- Academic excellence
- Individualised instruction
- Mastery-based learning
- Diagnostic testing
- Biblical values
- Computer enhanced learning
- Reasoning skills
- Character building

Four major trends are changing education:

Technology:

Individualised learning tools are integrated with the computer and enriched and enhanced by multimedia systems.

Biblical Values:

The demand for Biblical values is increasing as natural law, Biblical principles, and character begin to rebuild culture.

Globalisation:

Our planet is shrinking as travel, trade, and commerce constrict the global village.

Bilingual Education:

Demand for English, the language for high technology, is exploding. Therefore, bilingual education enhances the ability of students to become more productive in the world of science and high technology.

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. –Proverbs 22:6

READING... the doorway to education

Believing that reading is the doorway to education, the A.C.E. programme offers several avenues through which children can learn to read or increase their reading ability.

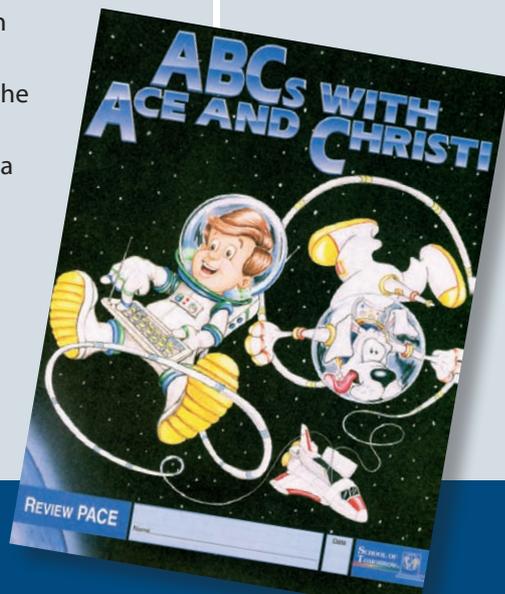
In the 1930s and 1940s most children learned to read by studying phonics. Then schools began using the “look-say” or “whole language” method. It was thought that this would help students learn faster, but that was not the case. Conclusive studies demonstrate that children who are taught phonics learn to read better and faster than those who do not receive phonics training. A.C.E. incorporates the phonics method in all of its reading courses.



Reading Development

Preschool – Preparatory/ Kindergarten: Preschool with Ace and Christi

The *Preschool with Ace and Christi* programme is the first building block towards learning to read. Four daily instructional manuals are provided for the instructor. This programme features a complete scope and sequence of concepts and skills needed to prepare children to be ready to read. The learner will also learn social skills, the wonders of God’s world, and the reality of God’s love. Another feature for the parent or instructor, is the easy-to-use format for guiding children from pretesting through a preschool graduation programme.

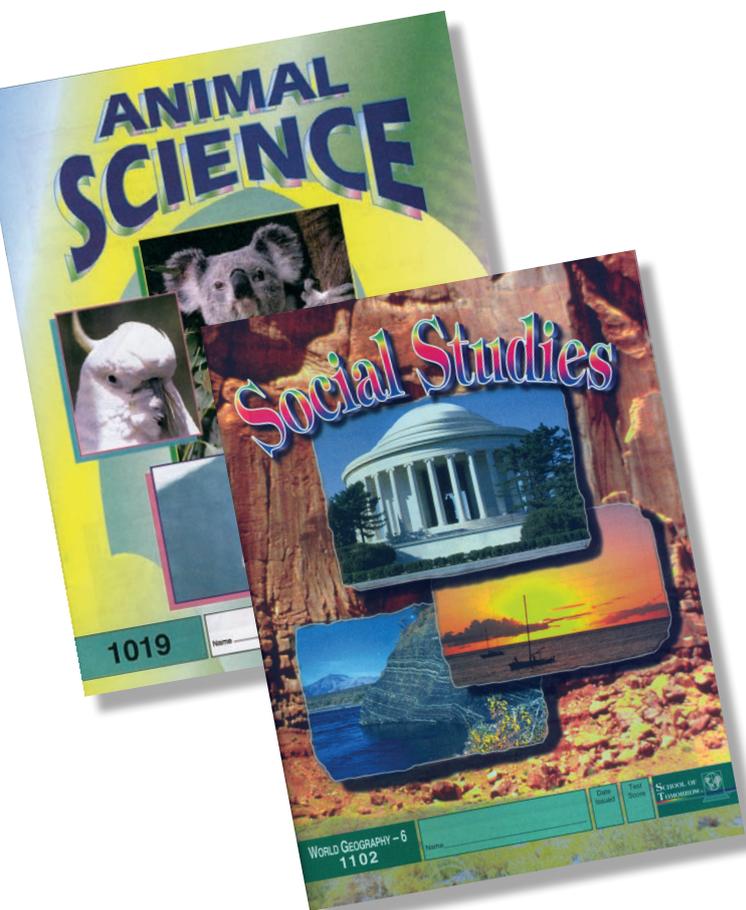
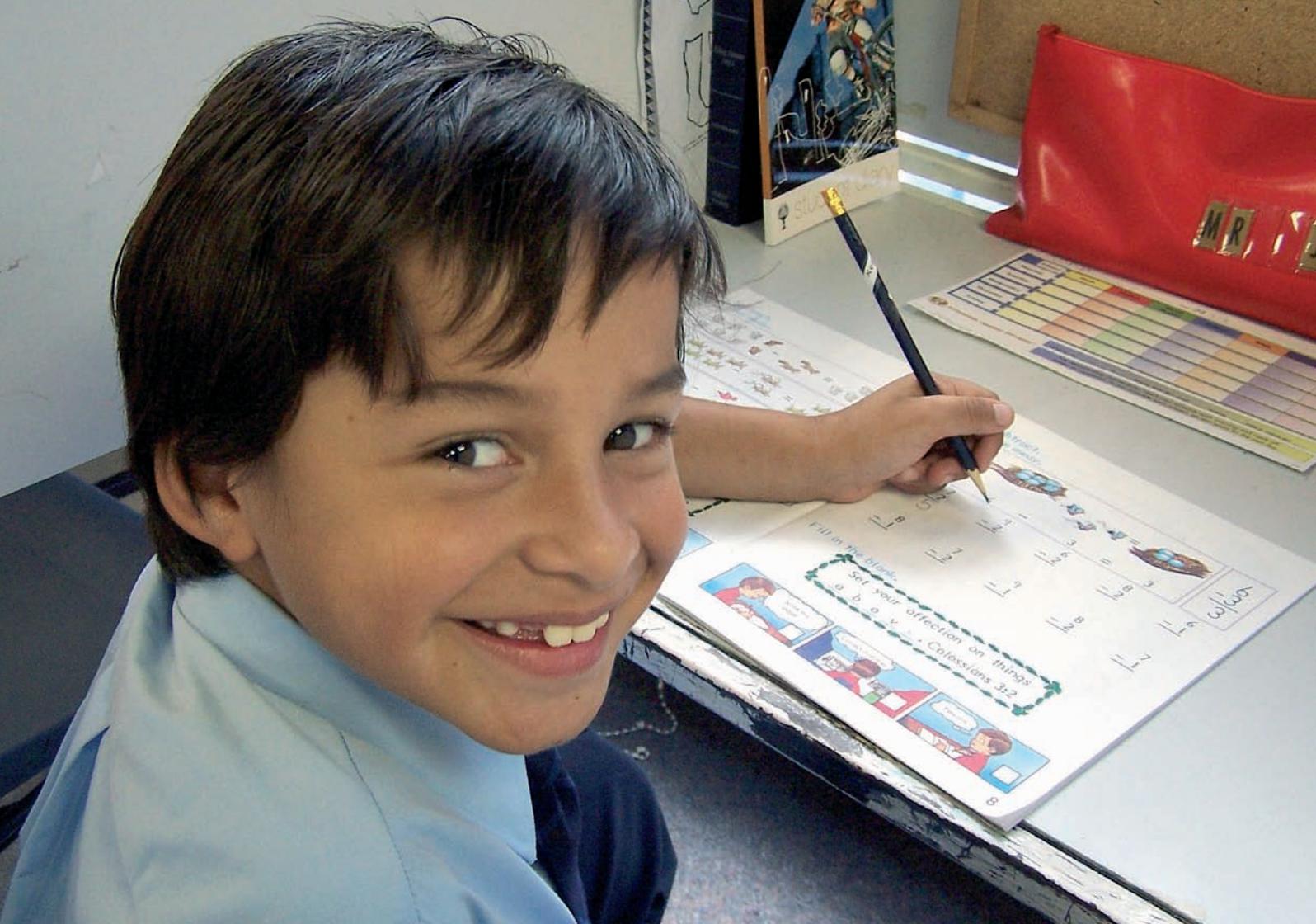


Learning to Read

The ABCs of A.C.E.

ABCs with Ace and Christi is the second building block on the journey of learning to read. This is the most exciting year of any child’s schooling career. It’s the giant step into “Big School” where uniforms and school bags bridge the gap from Preparatory/Kindergarten into Grade 1. It’s the miracle year of the A.C.E. educational programme, as learners experience the joy of learning to read. Within 12 to 15 weeks learners can read words phonetically.

- A two-volume daily instructional manual contains detailed step-by-step, easy-to-follow, complete plans for each day.
- Giant animal and Bible story cards allow students to visualise the story as the supervisor reads or tells it.



What is a PACE?

Accelerated Christian Education has taken the conventional textbook and divided it into bite-sized, achievable worktexts called Packets of Accelerated Christian Education (PACE). Each PACE is more or less equivalent to a unit in a textbook. Each level consists of 12 PACEs in each subject.

PACEs integrate character-building lessons into the academic content and are carefully designed to develop thinking skills and create mastery learning.

Students begin their PACE work by noting their goals, the concepts they will learn, a Bible verse, and a corresponding character trait. From the very beginning of each PACE they know what is expected and they assume the responsibility for their own learning.

Throughout the curriculum the introduction of new vocabulary words is controlled so that no word is used without the student first learning its meaning and pronunciation.

Full colour explanations and illustrations add excitement to each lesson and innovative learning activities reinforce the interesting text material.

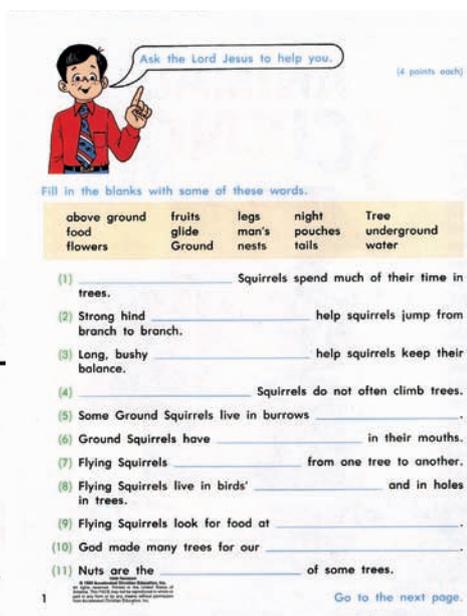
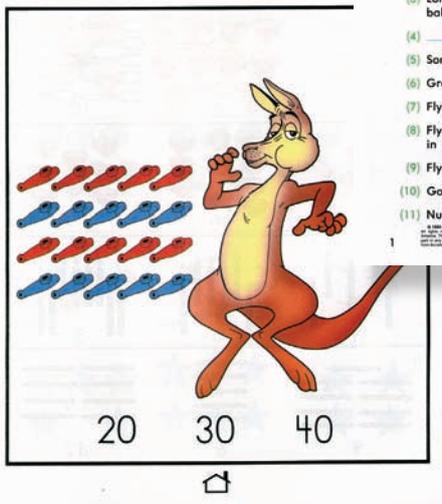
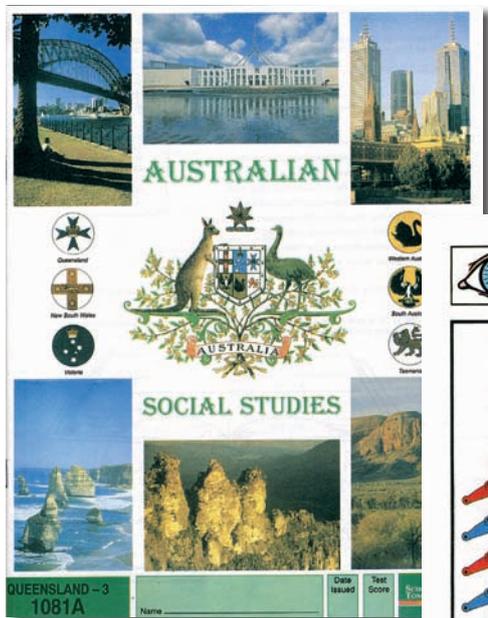
Each PACE contains Checkups which are mini-tests covering a section of the PACE.

If mastery in an area is not achieved, the Checkup will reveal that weak area. Students can then take time to review and learn those concepts.

Upon completion of the activities and Checkups, students prepare to take the Self Test, a practice test. Here students evaluate themselves to determine readiness for the PACE test. When the Self Test is successfully completed, the student hands in the PACE and takes the PACE Test the next school morning.

The PACE Test objectively measures student's mastery of the material.

Since 1970, PACEs have proven to be effective tools for goal setting and achieving academic excellence.



↑ A Self Test helps students determine their readiness for the PACE Test.

60 → CHARACTER TRAITS

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|---------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|
| Appreciative | Creative | Fearless | Merciful | Responsible |
| Attentive | Decisive | Flexible | Observant | Secure |
| Available | Deferent | Forgiving | Optimistic | Self-controlled |
| Committed | Dependable | Friendly | Patient | Sincere |
| Compassionate | Determined | Generous | Peaceful | Submissive |
| Concerned | Diligent | Gentle | Perseverant | Tactful |
| Confident | Discerning | Honest | Persuasive | Temperate |
| Considerate | Discreet | Humble | Prudent | Thorough |
| Consistent | Efficient | Joyful | Punctual | Thrifty |
| Content | Equitable | Kind | Purposeful | Tolerant |
| Cooperative | Fair | Loyal | Resourceful | Truthful |
| Courageous | Faithful | Meek | Respectful | Virtuous |

Student Conventions

REGIONAL STUDENT CONVENTIONS

Each year Accelerated Christian Education hosts conventions in Australia and other Pacific regions for young people aged 11 to 19 years old. Students can select from over 130 events in five exciting categories, including Music, Speech/Drama, Athletics, Art/Craft and Academics.

The purpose of the Student Conventions is to give young people opportunities to develop leadership skills. God's Word states that Christian youth should not only be different from the world (Romans 12:1-2) but should also set a standard of excellence. The conventions are challenging, inspirational and fun-filled. Your students will grow and your school will benefit from participation in the Student Convention. Preparation and competition develop skills and attitudes that prepare them for life.

Testimonies from Student Convention:

"The one aspect of Convention that impressed me more than anything else was the messages from the preacher at the Evening Rallies. I give thanks to God for these messages, they impacted my life." – VIC

"If you want to be challenged, encouraged, stretched and blessed then Student Convention is for you." – QLD

SOUTH PACIFIC STUDENT CONVENTIONS

Place getters at Regional Conventions qualify for the South Pacific Student Convention which is held every second year in different locations throughout the South Pacific Region. This convention is also open to qualifying students from other nations.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONVENTIONS

First and second place winners at the regional student conventions qualify to go to the International Student Convention in the United States, where approximately 3000 delegates from around the world gather to compete in events in which they have been placed. This premier event showcases the most talented performances from around the world and is an experience of a lifetime.



Graduation

A.C.E. offers a wide range of courses for students to choose from. The school staff, together with the support of professional educators at Southern Cross Educational Enterprises, South Pacific office for A.C.E., assist the learners with their subject choice.



Q: What type of Certificates can learners earn?

A: Australian Year 10 Academic & General, Australian Year 12 Academic & General ; PNG Year 10, PNG Year 12 Academic & General; NZ Year 11,12 & 13 Certificates of Academic Achievement, NZ Year 13 Academic Certificate with Honours.

Q: Do A.C.E. graduates do a matriculation examination?

A: A.C.E. graduates do not sit state based education exams but can obtain Tertiary entrance with a high school year 12 certificate and a Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) – or relevant equivalent – for University admission. In NZ, students gain entry by successfully completing prescribed Year 13 courses.

Q: What is the SAT?

A: The SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) is a universally recognised test designed to measure a student's academic ability to perform at University level.

Q: Do A.C.E. graduates qualify to study at tertiary institutions?

A: Yes, A.C.E. graduates currently attend many Universities, TAFEs, and colleges worldwide.

Q: How well do A.C.E. graduates adjust and cope at University?

A: A.C.E. graduates have the advantage of learning to set and achieve goals, are more disciplined and independent and, as a result, are more positive towards their workload.