

Curriculum and Facilities

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart International School (OLSH) offers blended Australian (Australian National Curriculum - ACARA) and Papua New Guinea curriculum from Prep – Year 10, with PNG curriculum only being offered in Year 11 and 12. OLSH delivers a truly international standard of education where both Papua New Guinean and expatriate children receive quality education that aligns with both local and Australian standards and requirements. The Australian National Curriculum provides students access to approved content with their achievement being judged against consistent standards. It affords teachers the opportunity to focus on individual student needs, plan, teach, assess and meaningfully report to parents. All core curriculum subjects are covered with the school also employing specialist Music, Language and Physical Education teachers and a Special Education Learning Support Teacher to work with students who have special needs.



All students sit for the PNG year 8, 10 and year 12 National Examinations with OLSH students historically achieving outstanding results in all. The School has consistently placed in the top rankings in the Province and nationally. In 2017 OLSH topped the Province in Year 8, 10 and 12 and all year 12 graduates were offered tertiary positions.

Traditionally over 80% of OLSH Year 12 students gain entry in university in comparison to the national figure of 13%. At present there are OLSH graduates in every university in PNG.

OLSH International School boasts many modern facilities including an air-conditioned library, science and audio visual rooms and a technology and art room used for manual arts, sewing, cooking and general art classes. Staff and students have internet access to assist in their teaching and learning and there is a high ratio of computers per students. Students from Prep – Year 12 have access to computers, laptops and ipads. Classrooms are also equipped with text books and learning materials such as data projectors which support effective curriculum delivery.

Boarding

OLSH offers supervised and surf boarding for both male and female students. For more information on this please refer to the Boarding House Brochure and Handbook.



Brief History

In 2019 OLSH celebrated providing affordable quality education to the children of New Ireland for 60 years – a huge achievement! In recognition of the outstanding role the school plays in educating the children of the Province, in 2018 Sir Julius Chan awarded it the title “Governor’s School of Excellence.” Following this the New Ireland Provincial Government annually supports 50 scholarship students at the school.

OLSH has come a long way since its very humble beginnings when it was founded as a Catholic Agency School by the MSC sisters in 1959. The MSC sisters staffed the school for the first 30 years and set a firm foundation of quality, faith based education in New Ireland. Their vision and mission has continued through the generosity and expertise of both expatriate and national principals and teachers. The school is governed by an elected Board of Management on behalf of the Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Kavieng. OLSH International School is widely known as New Ireland’s premier educational institution.



Religious Education

OLSH students attend Mass every Friday morning as part of the school programme. The sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Penance are offered every year as part of the RE program. The school uses a Religious Education Programme from the Diocese of Toowoomba (Australia) approved by the Bishop of Kavieng. The principal goal of this Religious Education Curriculum is to remain sensitive to local contexts and the ecumenical and multi-faith realities of our world today.



School Productions/Cultural Day

Every year OLSH comes together to present either a whole School Production or Cultural Day (undertaken alternative years). These are highly anticipated and well attended events which show case the breadth and depth of talent of our students.

The school has its own very talented band which performs at these and many other school and community events.



Educating the “whole” person

OLSH International School believes in educating the “whole” person - physically, spiritually, academically, culturally and socially.

In addition to the above planned events there are many times throughout the year when the OLSH community comes together to enjoy each other’s company and celebrate student achievement. These include fetes, band performances, fashion parades, literary competitions, art exhibitions, music recitals, movie nights and dances. Our students are always encouraged and supported to actively participate in many additional community events and look for opportunities to extend and enrich themselves.

We believe OLSH International School offers something for everybody. We look forward to your son or daughter joining us for an exceptional education.

Staff

The OLSH International School Administration Team is made up of the Principal, Head of Religious Education, Head of Secondary, Head of Primary and Head of Administration. The Admin Team oversees the day to day running of the school. Our teaching staff is made up of mostly PNG national and some expatriate teachers. All teachers must have an internationally recognised Bachelor of Education as minimum requirement for employment and regularly undertake professional development on Australian Curriculum. Teacher Aides are employed to assist the teachers in classes from Prep – Year 4.



Student Representative Council - SRC

The Student Representative Council meets regularly to organise social events such as movie and dance nights for students and fundraises for various projects. The SRC is elected by the student body at the end of each school year.



Parents, Teachers and Friends - PTF

The School's Parent, Teachers and Friends Association meets regularly and fundraises to assist the development of the school.

Sport

In addition to offering Year level Health and Physical Education lessons, OLSH offers sport once a week to both Primary and High School sectors during which a variety of games are played. Whole school sports carnivals are held at the end of each term between the houses. These are great days of competition with a day each assigned to athletics track and field, ball games and team sports.

In addition to this OLSH fosters interschool sports competitions such as Lihir Netball Carnival and participation in weekend rugby league and AFL competitions. In 2017 OLSH became the first school in PNG to offer Surfing as a sport.

Retreats

Day retreats and overnight camps are an important part of developing OLSH students' spiritual, social and emotional wellbeing. Three day camps are held annually for Year 9 and 11 with day retreats held for years 7, 8, 10 and 12. These retreats focus on faith and spirituality, leadership and team building activities as well as the individual's wellbeing.

School Fees

School fees are determined each year by the School Board of Management and paid into the school accounts. The Board keeps the fees as affordable as possible for New Ireland families

Invoices are made for individual families and discounts apply for those with more than one child in the school

For more information regarding enrollment please refer to the "School Fees and Information Booklet".



OLSH MISSION STATEMENT

VISION

We believe that at OLSH International School:

1. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is the mother of God and the mother of the Church.
2. Catholic values are taught in the day-to-day activities of the school.
3. We will work in partnership with the parish, wider church, community, parents and local communities.
4. The teaching and learning will promote the cultural heritage of New Ireland and Papua New Guinea as a whole.
5. All children regardless of religion belief or race are accepted.
6. All persons are created equal in the eyes of God.

MISSION

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart International School is committed to:

1. The development of children spiritually, academically, physically, socially and emotionally.
2. Providing a safe and caring environment for the children.
3. Promoting knowledge of and understanding the traditions of the Catholic Church.
4. Catering for the individual needs of each child.
5. Welcoming parents and friends who visit the school.
6. Involving parents and friends in the activities and planning of the school.
7. Educating the children to take their place in an ever-changing society



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Prep to Year 12

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