



INFORMATION LEAFLET  
FOR SECONDARY PHASE  
AT PRIVATE SCHOOL  
SWAKOPMUND  
AS FROM 2007

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## **SUBJECTS OFFERED AS FROM 2007**

<b>GRADE 8 &amp; 9</b>	<b>GRADE 10 - 12</b>
English 1 <sup>st</sup> language	English 1 <sup>st</sup> language / English 2 <sup>nd</sup> language
German 1 <sup>st</sup> language / German 2 <sup>nd</sup> language/ German Foreign language	German 1 <sup>st</sup> language or Foreign language / alternative subject if Afrikaans is taken
Afrikaans 2 <sup>nd</sup> language	Afrikaans 2 <sup>nd</sup> language / alternative subject if German is taken
Mathematics	Mathematics
Life Science	Biology
Physical Science	Physical Science
Geography	Geography / alternative subject
History	
Computer	

### **Alternative subjects for Grade 10 - 12**

1. In principle it is possible to take only **six** subjects of which English, Mathematics, Biology, Physical Science and another language, i.e. German **or** Afrikaans, are compulsory.
2. It is, however, recommended that students take **seven** subjects, of which one could be dropped in Grade 12.
3. Should an alternative subject be taken for German/Afrikaans or Geography, same has to be done **privately** in the afternoons.
4. In the event of a student taking six subjects only, the “free” periods have to be utilized as **compulsory** study periods.
5. **Admission requirements for Grade 11:**  
**33 marks** at the end of Grade 10 JSC as well as the following symbols:
  - English minimum C
  - Mathematics minimum C
  - Physical Science minimum D
  - Life Science minimum C
  - German / Afrikaans minimum C

## **INFORMATION : HIGCSE / IGCSE**

- German 1<sup>st</sup> language:
- Increases possibilities to enroll at University if taken on Higher Level.
  - enables current Gr. 11 and 12 students to do Abitur at the DHPS after their Gr. 12 year.
  - is not a compulsory subject, therefore students from other schools can enroll for Gr. 11 as well.
  - students who do not take German have to do self-study in the periods where German lessons are offered.

- Levels offered:
- we offer the HIGCSE as well as the IGCSE level, since the allocated teachers are qualified to teach both.
  - it is advisable to enter on HIGCSE, since it is possible to lower the level to IGCSE, but it is not possible to go from IGCSE to HIGCSE.
  - HIGCSE subjects can be taken without having to do IGCSE first.
  - compulsory practical classes in Physical Science and Biology will be offered on a regular basis
  - a specific number of HIGCSE subjects are required to enroll at tertiary institutions.

- University
  - pass at least 5 subjects
  - 4 HIGCSE subjects
  - English HIGCSE with a 3 grading
- Technicon
  - pass at least 5 subjects
  - 3 HIGCSE subjects
  - English HIGCSE
- College
  - varying conditions but generally:
  - pass at least 5 subjects
  - 2 HIGCSE
  - English HIGCSE

- on the IGCSE level the student can enter into "Extended" or "Core", of which "Extended" is the more difficult level.
- teachers assist students to find the correct level of enrolment for each subject.

## **CAMBRIDGE SYLLABI**

1. Cambridge offers an *international* certificate.
2. The Head Office is situated in England. Syllabi and question papers are set, moderated and marked in England.
3. PSS is registered as a Cambridge International Examination Centre.
4. Examination fees are approximately N\$400 per subject. This has a financial implication for parents, but as PSS is a private school, the examination fees have to be paid by the parents in any case, since the school is not subsidized by the government.
5. For more information regarding the Cambridge System, visit the following website: [www.cie.org.uk](http://www.cie.org.uk)