

2025 INFORMATION SHEET



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Sonoma Adventist College



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About College

Sonoma Adventist College is located 20 kilometres from the town of Kokopo in the Gazelle Peninsula on Papua New Guinea's island province of East New Britain. Sonoma offers courses in Theology, Early Childhood and Primary Education, Business, Agriculture and Building to train committed Christian workers for service to humanity, both, in church employment and in other employment. As a Seventh-day Adventist Church institution, Sonoma adheres to the SDA philosophy, lifestyle and values and encourages all staff and students to practice the Bible based faith. Affiliation with Pacific Adventist University in 2006 has provided professional support and mentoring in the growth of Sonoma as a tertiary institution.

1 2025 Important Dates Semester 1

Feb 10 - Feb 14 Registration for new students
Feb 17 - 20 Registration for continuing students
Feb 21 - Last day to register without penalty (K50 + K2 per day; max – K100)
March 07 - Close of registration
March 21 - Last day to withdraw without penalty fees
Practicum and Semester Holiday: 15/06/25 to 16/08/25

Semester 2

Jul 21 - 23 Registration.
Jul 25 - Last day to register without penalty.
Aug 22 - Last day to withdraw without penalty fees.
Nov 16 - Graduation ceremony

2 Confirmation of Enrolment

50% of the total fees for the school year must be paid before 31/01/25. The first 260 Males and 260 Females can be boarding students. The rest will be day students. After payment, email MarieAnne.Aite@sonoma.ac.pg and ask for Sequence Number.

3 Fees

Consult information sheet supplied to you for the time of fees you need to settle. Any sponsor who does not keep to an agreement with the college for payment of fees no longer hold trust for future agreement(s).

4 Practicum.

Transportation and other expenses that are related to practicum are personal expenses. The practicum fee of K500.00 shall not be included in the payment requirements for self-sponsored students. The students shall be responsible for their practicum expenses.

Mid-Year

5 Mid year Holiday

Students may apply to remain during mid-year holiday. All college rules are to be observed during the holiday period both at the college and off campus. Students breaking the principles of the College may not continue their education on Sonoma Campus

6 Electricity

Unauthorized connection is illegal and is a criminal offense according to PNG laws. Students charging mobile of persons not a student will be severely penalized.

7 International Students

All passports must be surrendered to the Administration for safekeeping and renewal of visas. Written permission from parents allowing their children to leave the College for the purpose of holidaying and invitation from the hosts must be received before permission is granted to leave the College. Students who violate this policy must be prepared to return to their home country.

8 Loss or Damage to College Property

Charges shall be made towards personal account for loss or damage to college properties. When necessary, the one concerned is to be terminated.

9 Medical Certificate

New students and those who withdrew for medical reason are required to present a current medical certificate issued by a practicing medical doctor before registration, a standard practice now required in boarding institutions throughout PNG. It is a requirement for registration. Students without a medical certificate should not be registered.

10 Dormitory and Dining Hall

The dormitory does not provide mattress. Students should use the standard size plates and cups for use in the dining hall. If any of your utensils is lost, you need to replace it immediately to facilitate meal services. Meals are obtained at the presentation of meal cards and meals are expected to be eaten inside the dining hall.

11 Computer Use

All students have excess to college computers and internet. Termination of privileges will be taken immediately when misused. Students may see the IT Manager for connection of personal computers with minimum fees. Students who misuse or violate the rules of the usage of computers will have their privileges terminated, where needed terminated from the College. Do not share passwords.

12 Drugs

Consumption and/or trafficking of "buai", cigarettes, beer, marijuana, and other drugs are prohibited anywhere on the college campus and will lead to termination of boarding status and/or the college. Use of such drugs is considered as blatant disobedience to the college and the principles of health the College and the SDA Church uphold. Advice and appropriate action(s) by Kokopo police will be sought for offences of criminal nature (against the law of PNG). Students chewing betel-nut in the classrooms and dormitories must be reported immediately to the Administration as such practice is unacceptable.

13 Visitors in the Dormitories

All visitors to the dormitories must seek permission from the dean. A visitor violating the dormitory rules will cost the students concerned his/her boarding privileges.

14 Town Day

Shopping is on Thursday every week unless arranged otherwise. Shopping at other time is not acceptable unless you need to. In that case, permission from the dorm dean and the Deputy Principal is warranted.

15 Work Education

Work Education is compulsory as it is an educational tool in training proper attitude aimed to establish proper work habit for heavier responsibility. A boarding student is expected to work 9 hours (compulsory) per week. Students with a lot of deficient hours will be dealt with by the Administration immediately. Day students should work 3 hours per week as part of the work education training at the College. Students with poor attitude towards work education will need to make alternative boarding arrangement or better still cease enrolment at the College. The College does not accept payment of missed work hours. A false statement in the Work Education report is irresponsible and dishonest, a sure sign of being a very unreliable character and therefore will not get a good recommendation at graduation.

16 Day Students

Non-boarding students attend classes and may use the library for research during class time. They are welcomed to attend worships on Sabbath. However, their non-boarding status prevents them from sleeping, showering, and other use in dormitories and from eating in the College cafeteria, unless paid for. Boarding students harboring day students is considered to be dishonest, unreliable, irresponsible, and needing to be fined and terminated from being a boarding student. Accommodation of day students in married student homes and plantation compound is not permitted.

17 Dressing

Proper and acceptable dressing is essential. Jewelleries, make-up, and rubber bands are not permitted to be worn at any time while a student of the College. Hair style must be of acceptable Christian standard. The College reserves the right to terminate students with improper dress habit and unacceptable hairstyle. Dressing must be appropriate for each occasion including proper attire for classes and worships at weekends.

18 Graduation

Requirements include: acceptable Christian behavior, correct attitude, satisfactory GPA (at least 2.00 for Diploma Award and 2.20 for Degree Award), complete payment of fees, acceptable work behaviors with no deficient hours, and faithful class attendance with no more than 15% class absences (including late registration and sickness).

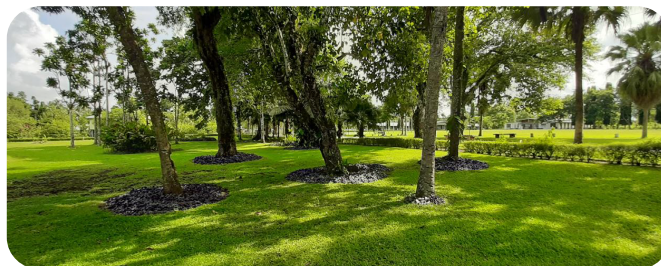
19 Bible and Bible Lessons

The College urges each student to own a Holy Bible to be used at worships and Bible classes. Ministerial students need to register with Bibles suitable and appropriate for their career as Ministers of the Gospel. A student with a "fail" for a Bible subject will not graduate.

24 Level III – Lawless Conduct

Lawless conduct is defined as those activities engaged in by students (whether or not they result in criminal charges) that result in violence to themselves or to another person or property or which pose a direct and serious threat to the safety of themselves or others in the College. Reports of offenses from outside the College will also be considered. These conducts are shown but not limited to the following: Continuous of level I and II offenses, smoking, drinking, involvement in drug trafficking, constantly going off-campus without proper permission, disturbances in dormitories, clandestine meetings between opposite sex, sexual affairs, nonattendance at spiritual meetings, low grade point average, fighting and/or incitement of unrest, swearing, in possession of illicit material, accommodation of undesirable visitors in dormitories, stealing, undermining of SDA beliefs, threats, physical abuse, poor attitude towards workline, in possession of stolen goods & firearms, cult worship, sports involvement off campus, lack of Sabbath observances including shopping and watching games on Sabbath at Kokopo, and other offenses the Administration deemed fit into this group of concerns.

Action: boarding cessation, suspension, termination



20 Worship

Worship is a very important integral activity and culture of the College. Sabbath observance is considered paramount in an Adventist College. Activities that contravene the sanctity of the Sabbath day are considered disrespectful to God and the SDA Church.

21 College Discipline Code

The list of discipline code shown below should provide sufficient advice and warning regarding conduct of students studying at Sonoma Adventist College. Note that the College is a Seventh-day Adventist Institution and therefore only those who want to be on an Adventist College campus needs to enroll. The College reserves the right to terminate students or not to accept students who are having difficulty fitting into the culture of the College as an SDA tertiary institution.

Level I – Disorderly Conduct and Minor Lack of Compliance

This level of conduct is defined as any activity in which a student engages that tends to impede orderly classroom procedures or instructional activities, orderly operation of the school or the frequency or seriousness of which disturbs the classroom of the College. Acts of disorderly conduct may include, but are not limited to the following: disturbances in dorms and on campus, non-conformity with SDA life-style (taking drugs, playing radio & tapes, continuous non-attendance at worships, etc.) poor attitude and poor attendance at work line, graffiti, harboring and care of non-boarding persons & "wantoks" in the dorm, false information related to one's marital status and certificate, lack of boarding fees, chewing of "buai", and other matters as perceived related to this group by the Administration of the College. Discipline: warning and/or fine

23 Level II – Disruptive and Poor Compliance Conduct

This level is defined as those activities engaged in by student(s) which are directed against persons or property and the consequences of which tend to endanger the health or safety of themselves or others in the school. Some instances of disruptive conduct may overlap certain lawless offenses. Acts of disruptive conduct may include, but not limited to, the following:

Continuous disorderly conduct of level 1, driving college vehicles without administration's approval, vandalism, unacceptable behavior in the dining hall, damage of another's property, keeping non-boarding persons in the dormitories without permission from the dean, in possession of electrical equipment that consumes a lot of electricity, cult worship, trafficking drugs and stolen items, citing unrest among students and staff members, falsifying and counterfeiting certificate, stealing, non-attendance at work such as over the holiday, improper and unacceptable hair style, misuse of college internet and computers, and other offenses the Administration deemed fit into this group of concerns. Action: warning, fine, seriousness of some cases bear termination