

## Media Release

### Koiari Park Computer Lab Upgrades

7 July 2009 – Pacific Adventist University has today completed a significant upgrade to the computer laboratories, with the installation of 24 brand new computers in the School of Business and the School of Science and Technology.

The classroom computer upgrade program, costing approximately K70,000, is running all of the most current teaching and learning software including Windows Vista SP2 and Office 2007. Additionally, because PAU is a member of the Microsoft IT Academy program, students here will also have access to and be taught in the use Microsoft's latest development software – such as Visual Studio 2008, Expression 2, Visio 2007 and Project 2007. The installation of 22" LCD screens will facilitate the teaching and learning of many of these programs.

Mr Ben Thomas, Dean of the School of Business is excited about the installation of the new computers. "Computers play a critical role in all aspects of business," says Mr Thomas. "It is imperative that students learn to use the latest computer technology, as this will enable them to be successful in their future employment. I believe that PAU produces the best graduates because of our holistic emphasis on education. Good infrastructure and facilities, such as computers and the internet, as well as our focus on quality lectures, student work ethic, church participation and sports allow PAU to produce graduates who can be successful in any organisation."

While installing the new computers, IT staff could overhear comments from students who are excited about the new facilities and equipment.

"These computer upgrades are part of our ongoing commitment to live up to our vision statement to be the BEST (see Acronym Below) provider of quality tertiary Christian education in the Pacific Islands," says Mr Wayne Hawken, Communications Director at PAU. "These upgrades continue to ensure that PAU students have leading access to technology while studying at PAU."

PAU will continue to significantly upgrade our technology and computing facilities throughout the remainder of this year.

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*BEST: Biblically Sound, Educationally Valid, Spiritually Challenging, Technologically Relevant*

*PAU currently provides some of the best computer and technology facilities in PNG and these facilities are available to all students studying at PAU. While studying at PAU students as part of their fees all students are provided access to computer labs (ratio of 4:1 students per computer, one of the best for any university in PNG), a school email address, wireless internet, ladies dorm computer and wireless access and access to the latest teaching and learning software and equipment.*

Pacific Adventist University is hosting a media open day on Wednesday July 8, between 11am and 12pm for the media to visit and see the new computer facilities in operation.

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### About Pacific Adventist University

Pacific Adventist University (PAU) is a tertiary institution owned and operated by the Seventh Day Adventist Church, offering diploma, bachelor and postgraduate awards in a range of disciplines.

PAU is located at Koiari Park, 14 miles from Port Moresby, PNG with affiliate campuses Fulton (Suva, Fiji) and Sonoma College (ENB, PNG).

Our Vision is to be...

the **BEST** provider of **quality tertiary Christian education** in the Pacific Islands.

Our Mission is to...

prepare **GRADUATES** who are equipped and willing to serve their **Community**, their **Country**, their **Church** and their **God**.

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