Summary of the Teaching of Philosophy in the Solomon Islands

Philosophy in the National goals of Education
Not available at this moment.

Primary education
Education is not compulsory in the Solomon Islands. Primary education aims to develop the following skills:

- Writing
- Reading
- Mathematics
- Community studies
- Science
- Agriculture
- Art
- Music
- Physical education
- Christian education

Assessment
Not available at this moment.

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Population: 496,000 (2007)¹
Gross Enrolment Ratio²
Primary: 95% (2002)
Secondary: 31% (2002)
Percentage of GDP invested in education: 2.2% (1999 estimate)³
Percentage of government expenditure invested in education: N/A⁴
Compulsory Education: N/A⁵

The GER is used in the education sector and by the UN. According to the UNESCO Institute for Statistics the definition of the GER is the "total enrolment in a specific level of education, regardless of age, expressed as a percentage of the eligible official school-age population corresponding to the same level of education in a given school year." Its purpose is "to show the general level of participation in a given level of education. It indicates the capacity of the education system to enrol students of a particular age group. It can also be a complementary indicator to net enrolment rate (NER) by indicating the extent of over-aged and under-aged enrolment." It is calculated by dividing "the number of pupils (or students) enrolled in a given level of education regardless of age by the population of the age group which officially corresponds to the given level of education, and multiply the result by 100."

³ Ibid.
⁴ N/A
⁵ http://www.ibe.unesco.org/
⁶ http://www.paddle.usp.ac.fj/collect/paddle/index/assoc/sol017.dir/doc.pdf

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Secondary education
The secondary curriculum builds on the primary curriculum and consists of a three-year lower level, a three-year higher level and a final year for some students. The curriculum aims to stimulate the physical and intellectual development and includes:

- Literature
- Science
- Mathematics
- Social studies
- Commerce
- Preparation for specialised skills training

Assessment
Not available at this moment.

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Not available at this moment.
Identified programmes to provide teaching materials in philosophy

Not available at this moment.

Links

http://stats.uis.unesco.org/

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