

# Education Organisation

- **Preschool education**

Preschool education, the first stage of compulsory education, is intended for children between the ages of 3 and the age of entry into Primary School (known as the First Cycle of Compulsory Education).

- **Basic Education**

Basic Education is divided into 4 stages of compulsory attendance.

The First stage is known as the First Cycle and it comprises 4 years.

The Second Cycle comprises 2 years (years 5, 6).

The Third Cycle comprises 3 years (years 7, 8, 9).

The First Cycle classes are spread over 5 different establishments.

The Second and Third Cycles are at the Passos Manuel school, the main school.

- **Secondary Education**

The Secondary Education comprises 3 years (years 10, 11, 12).

It is compulsory attendance up to 18 years.

The Secondary Education is also at the main school.

Secondary Education aims to provide diversified training and learning.

Learning areas are divided as follows:

### **Comprehensive Courses (1)**

Science and Technologies  
Languages and Humanities

### **Technical Courses**

Programming and Management of  
Computer Systems  
Performing Arts - Theatre  
Hotel Management and Tourism

(1) These courses would be the most suitable areas for students wishing to continue their education after Secondary School at a university or higher studies school.