

## UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

10 November 2021

Dear staff and students

### TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ALL DUT CAMPUSES IN DURBAN

Please take note that all five DUT campuses in Durban will be closed, with immediate effect, until further notice.

Unfortunately, we are forced to temporarily close the five campuses to protect the safety and security of our staff and students. The affected campuses will be the Brickfield campus, City campus, M.L Sultan campus, Ritson campus and the Steve Biko campus. All staff and students are advised to vacate campus property in a safe and orderly manner.

This decision follows new violent attacks by protestors from political student organisations, amongst others, who are determined to damage university property and infrastructure and to compromise the safety and wellbeing of our staff and students. We have received concerning reports that these are not random attacks but highly coordinated and they are not only aimed at DUT but planned for other KZN campuses too.

On a positive note, the South African Police Services have arrested suspects. The university will continue to assist the police with their investigation.

The academic programme **will not** be suspended. All lectures will continue online, as we have been doing since the start of the pandemic last year. Essential support services will remain functional on all Durban campuses during this temporary closure.

We apologise to all staff and students for any inconvenience caused and we remain committed to resolving the conflict.

Sincerely

DUT Management team