

## UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

15 February 2022

Dear staff and students

### Temporary closure of three Durban campuses

Following the high levels of violence and criminal acts by some members of a student organisation earlier this morning, physical access to the Steve Biko campus, M.L Sultan campus and the Ritson campus in Durban will be suspended with immediate effect. These three campuses will be evacuated and closed until further notice.

Online activities will continue and staff based on these three campuses will be working remotely.

Registration of students for 2022 will continue online.

We will continue to monitor the situation and we will not hesitate to evacuate the DUT residences should we deem it necessary based on potential risks on our students, staff and property of the University. Students are also discouraged from forcefully occupying/invading residences without following due process, in consultation with Student Housing personnel, as that will lead to summary evacuation of those contravening university policy and procedure without further notice.

We remind all staff and students to only rely on the DUT PinBoard (staff) and DUT4life (students) email accounts for official DUT statements. Please note that official University Statements are also published on the DUT website.

Finally, please be aware of “fake news” being circulated on some social media platforms related to DUT registrations, falsely inviting people to physically visit campus to apply/register and to forcefully occupy residences. We once again confirm that there are no walk-in registrations at DUT and that all registrations are only taking place online. For more information go to [www.dut.ac.za](http://www.dut.ac.za).

Sincerely

DUT Management team