

## UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

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Dear staff and students

### MISINFORMATION AND FALSE STATEMENTS ONLINE

We are aware of the numerous false statements and misinformation related to DUT registration, available spaces and confirmation of banking details, that have been circulating on some social media platforms this past weekend.

This “fake news” is purely intended to confuse you, to create chaos and to disrupt the university, thereby compromising operations and further unsettling your first semester.

We urge you to be alert to the intentional misdirection from those who do not have your best interests in hand and we strongly advise you to only access official DUT statements which will be shared with you, via the DUT PinBoard (staff email system) and DUT4life (student email accounts). University Statements are also published on the DUT website [www.dut.ac.za](http://www.dut.ac.za) under Highlights (on the homepage).

**The University condemns the actions of those criminals who are behind this latest series of false statements and misinformation, which is in clear violation of the law and prosecutable once the source is found by law enforcement agencies.** Please ensure that you always verify the information before passing it on to others, as you do not want to be part of the chain of fake news - and you must avoid spreading information that fraudsters may use to manipulate unsuspecting victims.

Sincerely

DUT Management Team