

UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

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Dear staff and students

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF INDUMISO CAMPUS

We are disappointed to confirm that violence has erupted on the Indumiso Campus in the Midlands this morning. A group of students are refusing to write physical examinations. They are demanding that all assessments be held online.

As a result, this group of protestors have resorted to violent behaviour which has severely compromised the safety and security of our staff and students on the Indumiso Campus.

Whilst the university cannot be bullied and threatened by this group who refuse to write physical exams, DUT has requested support and assistance from the police, who will be present on the Indumiso campus.

Therefore, following the violent and criminal behaviour, we will be suspending operations on the Indumiso Campus with immediate effect. Please could all staff and students peacefully and urgently evacuate the Indumiso Campus in Pietermaritzburg. The temporary closure of the Indumiso Campus will be until further notice. The academic programme will continue online.

Furthermore, if the violence does not end before midday today, then the university will consider closing down the residences until further notice.

We urge the protesting group of students who are refusing to write exams to reassess their actions and behaviour and to stop the violence, to stop damaging property and to stop intimidating staff and non-protesting students.

Sincerely

DUT Management team