

## UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

21 August 2025

Dear staff and students

It is with tremendous sadness that we share the painful news of a second tragedy affecting our DUT family this week. We have been informed that one of our students, Mr Manqoba Mnyandu, has sadly passed on.

On behalf of the University, we extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, classmates and all who knew him. Mr Mnyandu was a third year Nursing student who was based in the Midlands. May his soul rest in peace.

We recognise that this has been a very difficult and tragic week for our community and our thoughts and prayers are with everyone mourning the loss of Mr Mnyandu and Mr Madela.

At times such as these, we are reminded of the importance of compassion, unity and care for one another. We encourage students and staff who may be struggling to please reach out for support. Counselling services are available and DUT Student Services is ready to assist students who may need support during this period of grief.

- For Midlands, please email: [counsbookingpmb@dut.ac.za](mailto:counsbookingpmb@dut.ac.za) or call **033 845 8900**.
- For Durban, please email: [counsbookingdbn@dut.ac.za](mailto:counsbookingdbn@dut.ac.za) or call **031 373 2266**.

Staff members may also access support through Employee Wellness at [ewp@lifehealthcare.co.za](mailto:ewp@lifehealthcare.co.za) or **0800 004 770**.

As a University community, let us hold the families and friends of Mr Mnyandu and Mr Madela in our hearts and prayers and please, let us be mindful of supporting each other through this very sad time.

May the souls of our dearly departed rest in heavenly peace.

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