

UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

20 August 2025

Dear students and staff

UPDATE FOLLOWING THE TRAGIC INCIDENT ON STEVE BIKO CAMPUS

The university community is in mourning, following the death of Mr Sphiwokuhle Madela, who was a third year Diagnostic Radiography student at DUT.

In light of this tragedy and in the spirit of compassion in line with our values and principles of ENVISION2030, the University will be honouring the life of Mr Madela in the following ways:

1. **Suspension of Classes (Today Only):** To allow the University community the space to mourn, reflect and process this devastating loss, all remaining classes will be suspended for the rest of today, Wednesday, 20 August 2025.
2. **Prayer and Memorial Service:** DUT, in consultation with Mr Madela's family, will host a memorial service at the appropriate time. Student Services will notify all staff and students about the date and time of the planned memorial service.

As we grieve, it is important that we remain respectful and considerate of the family and friends who are in mourning. By doing so, we can ensure that Mr Madela is honoured with the dignity that he and his family deserves.

We call upon the DUT community to stand together in compassion and strength, supporting one another as we navigate this period of immense sorrow.

May the memory of Mr Madela be cherished and may his soul rest in peace.

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