

Boost for worst-performing schools

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DECREASE in matric pass rates in KwaZulu-Natal has prompted the Durban University of Technology to offer free weekend lessons to one of the poor performing schools in the province.

Ilanga Secondary School in KwaDabeka, Clemont, south of Durban, has been adopted by the university in an effort to improve its performance.

Dr Sylvia Zulu, head of the Language Practice Department, who is managing this initiative, told the People's Paper that the faculty of Arts and Culture Dean, Dr Kenneth Netshiombo, came up with the idea last year.

"Dr Netshiombo asked me to find a school that has had poor matric results so that the university can do something to improve its performance," she said.

"I have worked for department of education for two decades, so it wasn't hard to find a school.

"Dr Netshiombo wanted a school that is close to the university, so Ilanga Secondary was the best option," said Zulu.

Zulu told *Daily Sun* that the university has hired private teachers to conduct mathematics, physics and accounting weekend classes at Ilanga Secondary.

Matrics from Ilanga Secondary School.

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