

MEDIA STATEMENT

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MINISTER NZIMANDE STATEMENT ON THE DEATH OF TWO ORBIT TVET COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande, passes his heartfelt condolences to the families, friends and the entire Orbit TVET College, following the drowning of two student during an SRC Strategic retreat at Country Venue Hotel in Potchefstroom on Tuesday, 30th November 2021.

Two SRC members, Ms Madgeline Manyama, PRO Officer at Mankwe Campus and an Electrical Infrastructure and Construction level 3 student, and Mr KG Melamu, SRC Sport and Recreation officer at Rustenburg Campus and an Office Administration Level 4 student, apparently drowned at the pool of the hotel. They were both declared dead at the scene of the accident.

Minister Nzimande urges the law enforcement agencies to swiftly investigate circumstances which led to this tragic development.

“I am also pleased that the College management undertook to give its full support and co-operation to the investigators to determine the exact cause of this incident,” said Minister Nzimande.

Minister Nzimande has also directed Higher Health to give the necessary support and comfort to fellow SRC members, the families and the college staff and students who have been affected by this unfortunate incident.

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