

## LETTER TO STUDENTS – JUST PRIOR TO THE EXAMS

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Dear Student

### **'WE JUST BELIEVE IN YOU!'**

The students of 2010 were in the same situation that you are in now, around the same time in October of 2010. They generally 'did themselves and the college' proud by improving the results of the previous year, 2009, which had not been very impressive. We want you, too, to improve on the results of 2010 by a good margin! It is our firm belief that you can do it!

As you take your final exams, remember that despite all the challenges you might have been confronted with in the course of the year, we have no doubt that you are more than capable of '**acing**' these exams! We want you to approach these exams with confidence, courage and self-belief. We want you to do your best, no matter what! Because we know, you can!

### **REGISTERING IN 2011 FOR 2012**

The government and the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) are serious about making FET colleges learning institutions of first choice! To put this seriousness into effect, starting from this year, current students of the college will enroll from 3 October 2011 until 15 November 2011 for next year, 2012! So, in the course of your examinations, you will be given a partially completed application form, with your name other personal details, already on the form. Yours is to complete the rest of the information on the form – including the subjects you want to do in 2012.

If you satisfied all the assessment requirements (ISAT, ICASS, etc) and you do not have any assessment outstanding, you can complete the form, imagining that you will pass to the next level and put the subjects you expect to do in 2012 if you pass. This is to ensure that all current students are in the system for 2012 before the end of November, 2011. The college will be commencing with classes on 16 January 2012; so, current students will not get a chance to register in 2012! They should collect their learning material from 9 to 13 January, 2012 and be in class and ready to start learning on 16 January, 2012 – with no exception!

### **WHAT ABOUT FEES AND WHAT IF I DO NOT PASS?**

We want all of you to pass, but if it should happen that a student does not meet the requirements to go to the next level, or does not pass, this student will already be on the system for 2012, so it will be easy for this student to be shifted administratively from the high level to the low level that he or she will be rightfully belonging to. So, no student runs a risk of finding that there is no longer any space because they have enrolled late.

With regard to fees, the minimum enrollment fee at the college for all programmes, including NC(V) will remain R 1 300,00 (R1000,00 refundable if fees are paid in full by a third party, eg a company or bursary). Students who are genuinely needy and whose neediness is confirmed by the Department's **Means Test** will be exempted from having to pay the minimum enrollment fee, but this is subject to the **Means Test** results. Students who pay the enrollment fee and installments and end up getting a bursary from any source, including NSFAS, will have all their payments refunded as soon as the bursary has been confirmed. If a student believes he or she is needy, but the Means Test says otherwise, the student will have to pay the fees!

The other advantage of registering in October / November of 2011 for 2012, is that parents will be able to pay the required fees, where applicable, now, before the money-devouring festive season and save themselves the agony and trouble of having to 'look' for money during the dry season of January.

#### **WHAT ABOUT OUTSTANDING FEES?**

The college still needs you to pay your outstanding fees for 2011 and the prior years, if applicable, as expected. The money is needed for operational costs until the end of the year. So, pay your outstanding fees! If you cannot pay your outstanding fees immediately and you want to enroll, as is required of you, you can arrange for your parents or guardians to visit the campus and make arrangements with the Campus Manager at your campus.

2012 will ring in many positive changes in colleges and the above are just some of them! Brace yourself for even more excitement in 2012.

It has been an honour and a privilege for me to have oversight for your education and training in 2011 and unless you're doing Level 4 or N6, I look forward to welcoming you again in 2012!

Good luck with your exams! We will never stop believing in you! Go into those exam rooms and do your very best! Nothing more and nothing less!

And when it is all over, have yourselves a restful and peaceful festive season!

Dan L Nkosi  
Principal