



MEMORANDUM

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To: ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS

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From: DIRECTOR: STUDENT ACCOMMODATION & CATERING

Date: 1/25/2022

Subject: RESIDENCE MATTERS - UPDATES

Please note the following measures taken regarding residences:

- The North West University students who formerly occupied building at Academia have now vacated those buildings and 650 spaces are now available to VUT students who qualify. All the (close to 400) Vereeniging students from residences that were formerly leased by the institution are encouraged to apply for those spaces. There are also additional spaces available for students who used to stay in Vanderbijlpark residences that have not been accredited because of failure to meet the norms and standards.
- Additional 500 spaces have also become available on campus, which provides opportunities for other students in Vanderbijlpark, who used to stay in rented accommodation.
- Student Lake, which will accommodate more than 432 students, is going to be available for allocation soon, but students may in the meantime continue to apply for spaces in that residence.
- Amberfield and Park Village were accredited but the landlords await confirmation of NSFAS residence allowances before deciding to admit students. The delay by NSFAS to confirm the 2022 residence allowance remains a source of concern and makes it difficult for certain decisions to be taken.

There are two additional buildings that have been added to Bedworth and Goodyear respectively, which provides a boost to the spaces that the institution has already secured. This means that **that the overall number of available spaces in 2022, as indicated in this communique, far exceeds spaces that were made available in leased buildings last year.**

The second list of accredited buildings, which will include smaller accommodation establishments, is going to be released by close of business of Friday.

All efforts are being made by Student Accommodation to move students away from private buildings that do not meet the norms and standards in order to create an environment that is conducive to living and learning. This concern was expressed and highlighted by student leaders on several occasions last year.

Regards

Handwritten signature of KN Marumola, dated 25/01/2022.

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