

“Science is here, and Science is here to stay” - MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya



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Today, 05 April 2024 is the new dawn for 2449 learners ten high schools in and around Makhado, Limpopo.

The Royal-ships of Bungeni and Masia attended the event. The MEC of Limpopo Ms. Lerule-Ramakhanya was amongst the dignitaries who attended.

“Science is here and Science is here to stay” alluded the MEC

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) witnessed the opening of a fully equipped scientific laboratory at Hlanganani ka Bungeni by the Department of scientific and Innovation (DSI), learners will no longer need to travel great distances to access science laboratories. For learners in the neighborhood, this cutting-edge facility is

revolutionary because it gives them practical opportunity to conduct experiments and learn about science.

This lab's state-of-the-art tools and materials will enable learners to grasp science ideas more deeply and develop a passion for scientific research and creating a climate of scientific inquiry and exploration, clearing the path for upcoming scientists and inventors. The purpose of the event by DSI aimed at creating a culture of scientific inquiry and discovery by bringing the laboratory closer to the learners, opening doors for future scientists and innovators.

The event provided NSFAS with an opportunity to showcase its services and demonstrate the impact it has in improving access to quality science education, but also promote and inclusivity in education.

Campus newbies, a luscious fish for phishers and Vishers

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New beginnings: Students walking around campus.

“Freshers,” is how they are fondly known. This new group of students usually enter the gates of higher learning and training with a great mixture of emotions; excitement and anxiety.

Just like fresh fish in the deep blue sea, they always fall prey of hungry “sharks”, fraudsters and scammers.

The transition from basic to higher education automatically puts them on a journey of “self-discovery” which ultimately leaves them vulnerable. This, unfortunately is the time when fraudsters and scammers strike.

Phishing is fraud that is conducted through emails, while vishing is through phone calls.

All previous NSFAS beneficiaries are urged to repay their NSFAS Loans:

Debtors may use either the **Direct Deposit** or **Stop Order** method to make payments.

When making a repayment, please use the below account details:

Name of Account: NSFAS

Branch Code: 210554

Bank: First National Bank

Account Number: 500 600 28203

Ref Number: **Must be the debtor's**

ID NUMBER

NSFAS students are not immune to this evil practice of fraudsters.

The most identified scams for NSFAS students are as follows:

- Fraudsters asking students to share their myNSFAS account details
- Fraudsters sending fake emails and SMSes to students claiming to be allowance distribution partners
- Fraudsters offering Student Accommodation

NSFAS constantly advises students to never share their personal details and to report any suspicious activity through the Vuvuzela Hotline.

Taking lessons, enabling development and growth



Action! We are Live: NSFAS visits various government TV and Radio studios.

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On Tuesday, April 02, 2024, the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) Marketing and Communications Department visited various government departments in a bid to learn about their advanced and broadcast communication channels.

This includes the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO), the Department of Basic Education (DBE), the Department of Social Development (DSD), and the Government Communication and



Information Systems (GCIS).

The visit to these institutions also aimed at identifying gaps for the purpose of partnerships and information exchange and sharing.

“Our work as the DBE is as important as that of the higher education. The NSFAS content is very relevant for our platform, and we would be pleased to share and receive content with you”, said Tshegofatso Moagi, DBE Content Producer.

NSFAS Walk-In Centre an important pillar to access of information

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With students arriving and departing all day long, the student-centre located on our National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) offices is a hive of activity. The number of students at the facility varies from day to day, but on average between 250 and 300 students

come in each day. It is evident that a large number of students rely also heavily on the student-centre for information and assistance with their funding queries.

This steady stream of students shows how significant and relevant the centre is to the students' academic lives. The large volume of student visits also demonstrates how well the centre serves the wide range of requirements of its patrons.

The student centre significantly improves the NSFAS walk-in centre for students with its comfortable seating area and cutting-edge technologies.

NSFAS has ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY towards dishonesty, bribery, fraud and corruption!



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