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ENQUIRIES	Ms G. De Jager (Deputy Principal: Finance)
REF	(Circular <b>22/2021</b> ) NSFAS FUNDING ALLOCATION OF ALLOWANCES
OFFICES	Central Office
DATE	26 July 2021
TO	<b>ALL CAMPUS MANAGERS &amp; STAFF MEMBERS, SRC MEMBERS &amp; STUDENTS</b>
FROM	Dr. T.E. Terblanche: ACTING PRINCIPAL
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REGARDING	<b>UPDATE ON (CIRCULAR 21/2021)</b>

## CURRENT STATUS ON THE PROGRESS OF NSFAS ALLOWANCES 2021 AS AT 26 JULY 2021

### a) Criteria for DHET colleges bursary fund (NSFAS) allowances for 2021

- ✓ The upload of the funded students was based on the recommended and approved criteria for student allowances. (*Refer to Circular 6 of 2021 issued on Friday, 5 March 2021*).
- ✓ Trimester 2, Semester 2 and Trimester 3 reside in category 3 and 4 according to the current approved criteria. (Criteria 1 on the approved criteria is not applicable to this category of enrolment).
- ✓ Due to limited funding allocation the College shall only allocate transport allowance and personal care allowance to Trimester 2, Semester 2 and Trimester 3 eligible students as communicated in the FAC meeting held on Wednesday, 21 July 2021 where preference will be given to category 3 students.
- ✓ No new students will be registered for Trimester 2, Semester 2 and Trimester 3.
- ✓ The hostel students will be liable for the full hostel fee and shall sign a payment agreement for the **balance not covered by the NSFAS bursary**.
- ✓ Transport allowances to eligible hostel students will not be paid out to the student, but will be credited onto their account to reduce their liability towards the hostel fee.
- ✓ Personal care will be paid out to all eligible students.

### **Please note:**

**The College did not receive any other funding from NSFAS or other sources to apply a different criteria from the approved criteria.**

*The College is still in the process of meeting again with NSFAS to resolve the outstanding appeals and exceptions respectively.*

### b) Laptop delivery

Students received a sms from Pinnacle to dial their USSD code to receive details on their laptop delivery.

**PAYMENT OF STUDENT ALLOWANCES****c) NSFAS disbursements**

The College paid out allowances based on NSFAS remittances received: For semester 1; five instalments; trimester 1 students; three instalments and for annual students to a maximum of six instalments.

**Please note:**

- ✓ The College will continue to request the *outstanding exceptions and queries from NSFAS* and will effect payment as soon as the College receives allowance **funding as well as the remittance advice (name list of students linked to the specific allowance amount received)**.
- ✓ The College could still not make payments to a number of students **due to outstanding banking account details**. **Bank account rejected statuses due to student bank accounts being closed or wrong banking details** was already emailed to campuses for students to update their details for the next pay-run.
- ✓ A total of **136 students did not yet create MyNSFAS profiles**, NSFAS indicated students without MyNSFAS profiles will not receive any disbursements. The name list of the affected students will be emailed to campuses. Please inform students who did not yet created their MyNSFAS accounts, to do so, as a matter of urgency.


**Please note that the payment schedule issued by the College on 3 February 2021 (Bursaries Circular 01/2021) is herewith withdrawn due to the uncertainty of NSFAS disbursements to the College bank account. It must be noted that this circular were initially issued based on the planned NSFAS disbursement schedule for 2021. To remedy this uncertainty, the College will immediately update all relevant stakeholders as soon as the outstanding student allowance funding is paid by NSFAS into the College bank account (including receipt of the Remittance Advice) and issue the date when payments will be made to the qualifying students on an ad hoc basis since the NSFAS disbursements are now being received on an ad hoc basis.**

The College management and staff wish to express our sincere appreciation to NSFAS officials as well as the DHET senior management officials for supporting the College in strengthening the NSFAS processes.

Our sincere apologies accompany this circular to all affected students, parents and host parents for any inconvenience **caused due to any miscommunication which could have occurred thus far in the process**.

**The College management and staff remain committed to continuously address all outstanding matters with NSFAS officials.**

*Yours sincerely,*

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 DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: FINANCE  
 DATE: 26/07/2021