

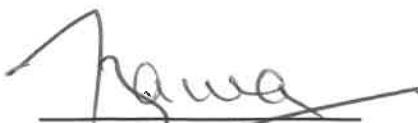


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**PROMOTING A CULTURE OF GIVING AND SPIRIT OF UBUNTU AMONGST
MATRIC LEARNERS**

1. In a space of the next few days, the Matric Class of 2020 will conclude their final examinations.
2. Observations over the past years have shown a trend where Matric learners celebrate what is called "Pens –Down" using various practices.
3. Such celebrations either end in drawing/painting on school walls, tearing of books, destroying shoes and tearing of school uniforms.
4. The Department is very much against this common behaviour and wishes to discourage learners.
5. Most learners come from poverty-stricken families and their parents often cannot afford to provide them with proper school necessities.
6. There are schools which have cultivated a proud culture of giving by donating their uniforms to the less-fortunate pupils after writing their last examinations.
7. As a symbol of goodwill, school principals are therefore requested to encourage learners to **drop their pens** and **leave uniform items** on their desks at the end of their final paper.
8. The donated items can then be collected for safe-keeping and handed over to other needy learners at the beginning of the following year
9. Due to the reported cases of injuries resulting from drowning, alcohol abuse and all forms of drug related incidences, all school excursions remain suspended for the duration of the year
10. The contents of this circular must be brought to the attention of all schools.


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