



ST AUGUSTINE COLLEGE OF SOUTH AFRICA NPC

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PRESS RELEASE

PROPERTY TO BE SOLD BUT ST AUGUSTINE COLLEGE CONTINUES

The last three years have put enormous strain on St Augustine due to Covid and related issues. The Board of directors persistently endeavored to resolve the College's financial difficulties. Eventually it was decided, in principle, to sell the premises of the College thereby generating cash to meet its commitments and retain a substantial portion of the proceeds for future development.

Some benefits have emerged from the Covid situation in that we are able to provide the high quality of our degrees to all students through online teaching & learning with limited time needed to be personally present. This applies mainly to postgraduate degrees.

The proposed sale of the property must not be confused with a termination of the College itself. We must reiterate that the College is NOT closing.

With the exception of the undergraduate degrees, which will be put in abeyance in 2023, the College continues to offer those programmes which it is doing so presently: offerings at Certificate, Honours, Masters and Doctoral levels. Hopefully the proposed sale will allow us to move forward and remain on a more secure and stable financial basis to further the growth and service that have marked the institution since its inception in 1999.

The College property has been put up for auction, which takes place on the 28th and 29th June 2022. It was a decision of the Board of Directors to do so in order to meet the financial requirements of maintaining the institution. Meanwhile, the Board continues to give anxious consideration to various strategic issues with a view to ensuring a sustainable future for the College.

We ask your consideration to donate and prayerful support in the weeks ahead for the decisions that will need to be made relative to the continuation and flourishing of the mission and vision of the College.

Wilfrid Cardinal NAPIER OFM, Patron Archbishop Jabulani NXUMALO OMI, Grand Chancellor

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