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Dear Principal

NMMU/DELOITTE ACCOUNTING WINTER SCHOOL FOR GRADE 12's

The NMMU School of Accounting hosted its first Accounting Winter School during the July recess in 2012. Feedback received from learners, parents and teachers (2012 to date) confirmed that the Winter School has made a difference not only in the participating learners' own understanding of Accounting, but has also enabled these learners to see that with hard work going to university was not an impossible target/objective.

Examples of feedback received from learners who attended the Grade 12 Accounting Winter School in 2016 and are registered for a B Com qualification in 2017 follows:

- *The Winter School helped to improve my Accounting mark. In June I got 57% for accounting and in finals I got 86%; my mark increased by 29 percentage points.*
- *I enjoyed the tutorials the most during the Winter School. The smaller, more intimate groups helped me with my learning and understanding of the work. It was also easier for me to follow the work in the tutorial because it is more interactive and inclusive. The lectures were a bit long because a period at my high school is 40 minutes and so it was difficult for me to concentrate for the full lecture.*
- *Yes, I would definitely recommend the Winter School to anyone in matric, and even in grade 11. I could answer questions very well verbally, and participated in class, and so neither my teacher nor I realised that I actually had a problem until my June exam. I was having trouble putting my answers on paper and doing that quickly. I was taking far too long to answer questions; it was not that I did not know the work. In my June exam, I even scored the total for the assets section but that did not make a difference because there were so many sections I did not get to complete. The Winter School helped me to tie up my loose ends, and I learnt the very important technique needed to approach answering questions in an accounting exam.*

The very favourable feedback provided by the learners indicated that an Accounting Winter School is an important intervention to improve the academic performance of learners from schools from the Nelson Mandela Bay metropolitan area in the field of Accounting. Accordingly, the School of Accounting has decided to run the Accounting Winter School again from Monday, 10 July, to Friday, 14 July 2017 on South Campus in Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth. The 2017 Accounting Winter School is once again made possible with the financial support of Deloitte, a leading professional services firm.

The objective of the 2017 Accounting Winter School is to assist learners in their preparation for the final Grade 12 Accounting examination as well as to give learners a feeling of "what to expect" when they commence studies at university in 2018. The salient features of the 2017 Accounting Winter School are:

- Grade 12 learners from high schools throughout the Nelson Mandela Bay metropolitan area will be invited to participate.
- Instruction will take place each day from 8:00 to 16:00, where after it is expected of the learners will attempt the assignments at home.
- Instruction will be in English, but Tutorials can be facilitated in Afrikaans, if numbers permit.

- The NMMU School of Accounting's teaching and learning model will be used.
 - Classes will be facilitated by the NMMU Accounting 1 lecturers who have all been recipients of the "Faculty Teacher of the Year" in the Faculty of Business and Economic Sciences. These lecturers are also fully *au fait* with the grade 12 curriculum.
 - The tutorials will be facilitated by the lecturers, with the assistance of trained accounting tutors from the School of Accounting (all top students in the School) and staff from Deloitte.
- Learners will be given notes, exercises and suggested solutions each day on the topics covered, as well as Grade 12 examination papers of previous years.
- Learners will be asked to write a pre-test on day one (prior to the programme commencing) and a post-test on day five (the last day). The test results will be an indicator of the improvement in the marks of the learners after a week of intensive teaching and learning.
- In addition to the formal Accounting programme, learners will be provided information such as:
 - How to apply to study at university?
 - What is the SAICA Thuthuka programme, and how do I apply?
 - How do I become a Chartered Accountant (SA)?
 - What career options are there in the field of Accountancy?

In order to assist with printing costs, and to ensure learner commitment, a fee of R60 per learner will be levied.

We would appreciate it if you could ask your Accounting teacher(s) to assist with the distribution of the enclosed application forms to those learners who are interested in attending this Winter School. Closing date for applications to attend the Grade 12 Accounting Winter School is Friday, 31 May 2017.

If there are any enquiries with regard to the Winter School, please do not hesitate to contact Sharne Martin, Accounting 1 Admin Assistant on 041 504 2073, or Lona Thomas, the School of Accounting's Marketing and Engagement Coordinator, at 041 504 2620.

Kind regards



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