



Dear VUT Community

Subject: Urgent Scam Alert: Fraud Targeting Prospective Students

We are issuing this urgent alert to inform students about the recent scam that has come to our attention involving individuals who are targeting prospective students with fraudulent offers of assistance for the university applications process.

Some individuals are approaching students with offers to assist with the university application process, in exchange for money. These scammers may claim they can guarantee admission and fast track the process for a payment. They even go as far as impersonating university officials and falsely use the names of senior staff within the Faculty of Management Sciences. Students are to be cautious about these individuals claiming that they can fast track the application process and are to take note of the following:

- No person can guarantee admission or specific outcomes in the application process. Be wary of anyone making such promises.
- No person can manipulate the application process to achieve a specific outcome – this is a crime and will be dealt with in terms of the law.
- Never pay money to individuals for services that are not officially associated with the university. Payment should only be made through secure and verified channels as approved by VUT.
- If you encounter any communications or approached by any persons that seem suspicious, please report these immediately to Protection Services Department (Command Centre) at 016 950 9384.

Stay alert and protect yourself from potential scams.

PROTECTION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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