

NELSON MANDELA

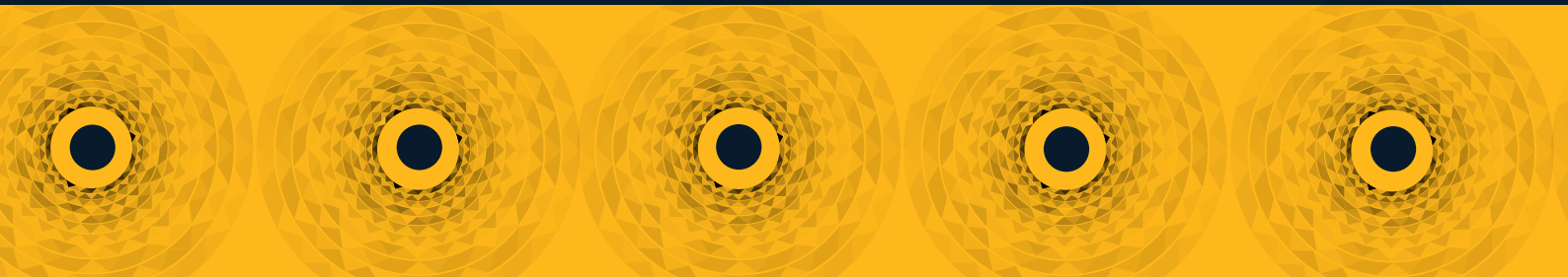
UNIVERSITY



Q1
2026

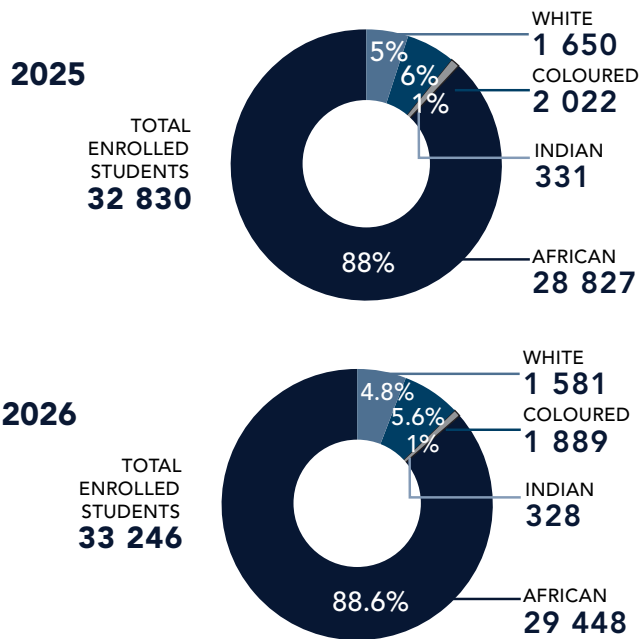
STUDENT ACCESS AT A GLANCE: 2026

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STUDENT HEADCOUNT

AS AT 5 MARCH 2026 VS 5 MARCH 2025

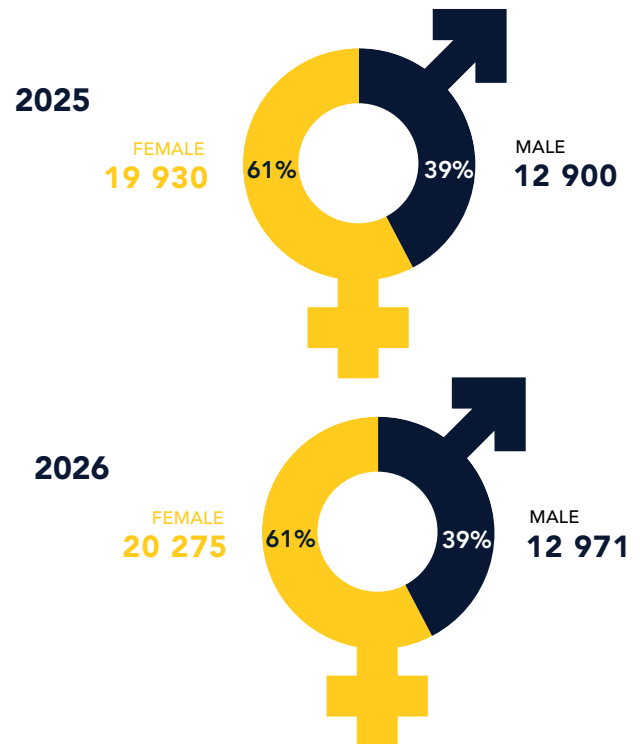


*Population groups as referred to by the Department of Employment and Labour

 NATIONAL AVERAGE 2024
WHITE: 8%, COLOURED: 5%, INDIAN: 3% AND AFRICAN: 84%

GENDER DISTRIBUTION

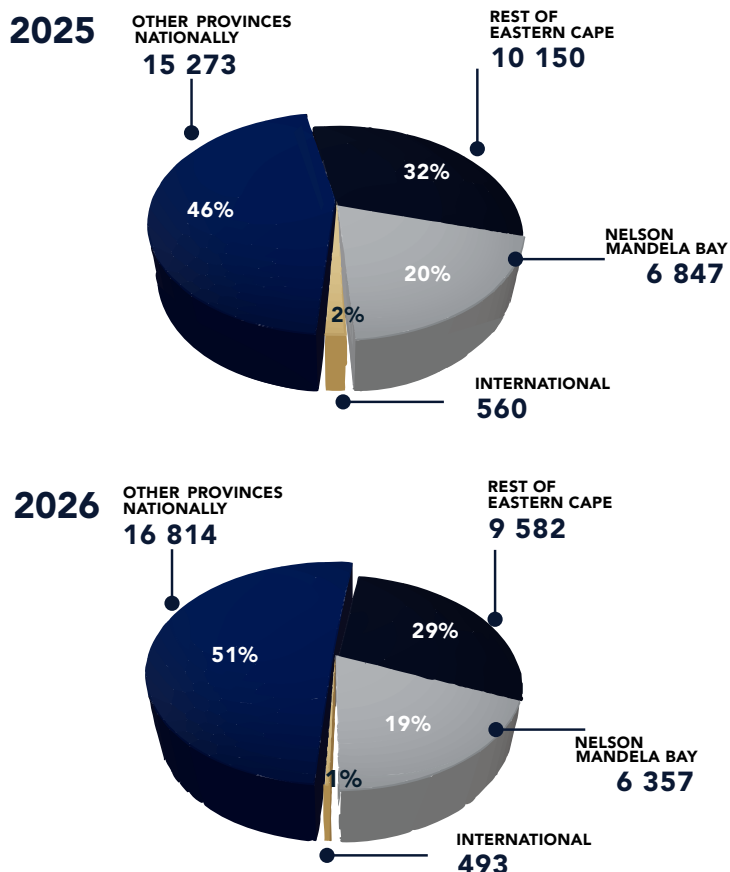
AS AT 5 MARCH 2026 VS 5 MARCH 2025



 NATIONAL AVERAGE 2024 FEMALE: 64%, MALE: 36%

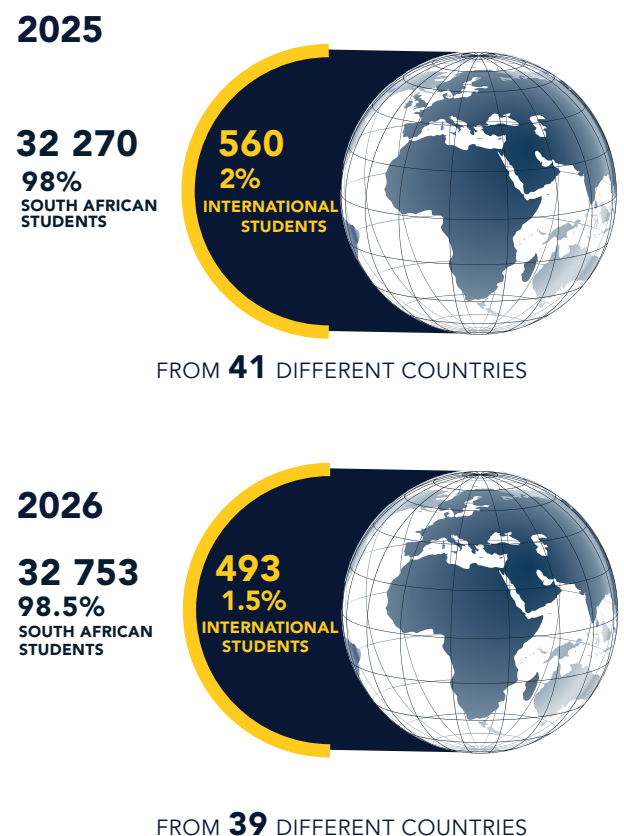
STUDENTS BY GEOGRAPHICAL ORIGIN

AS AT 5 MARCH 2026 VS 5 MARCH 2025



SOUTH AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL ENROLMENTS

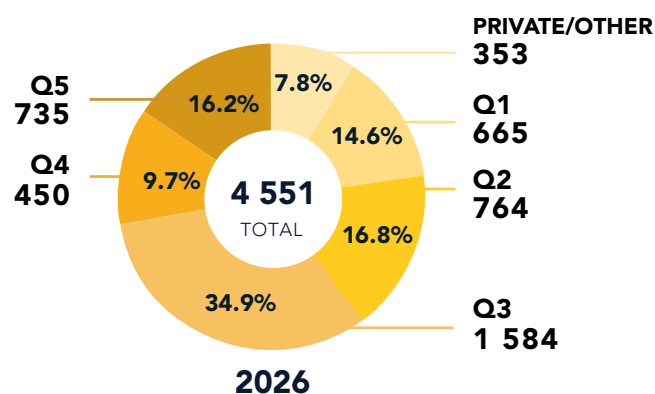
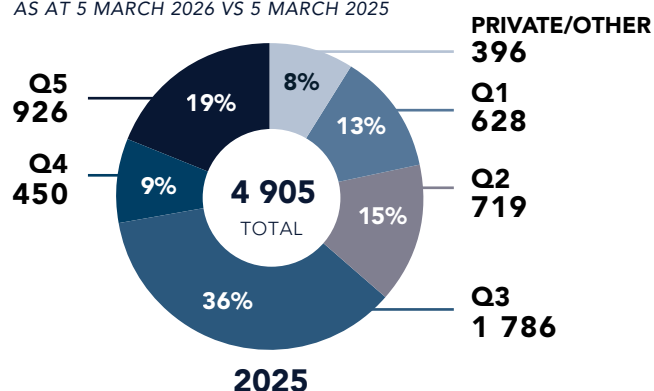
AS AT 5 MARCH 2026 VS 5 MARCH 2025



 NATIONAL AVERAGE 2024
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: 3% SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS: 97%

HIGH SCHOOL QUINTILE PROFILE (EXCLUDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)*

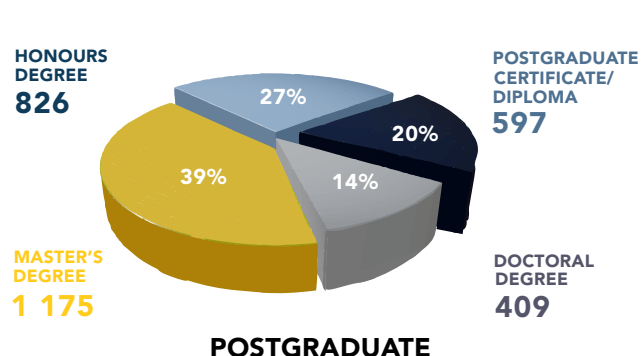
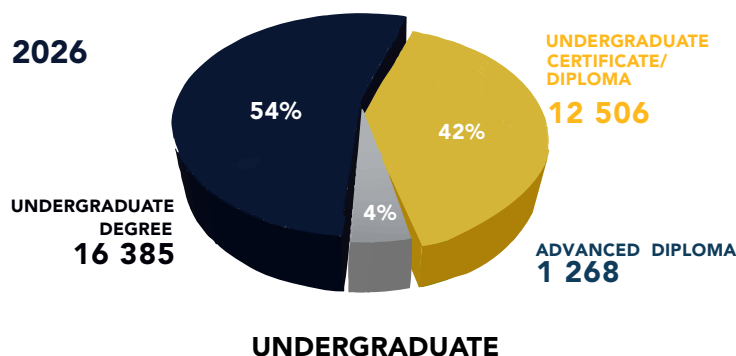
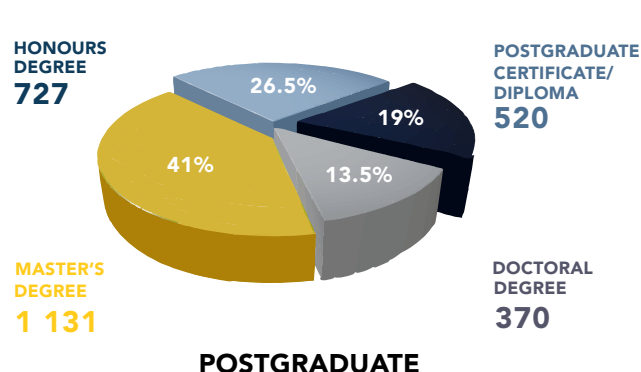
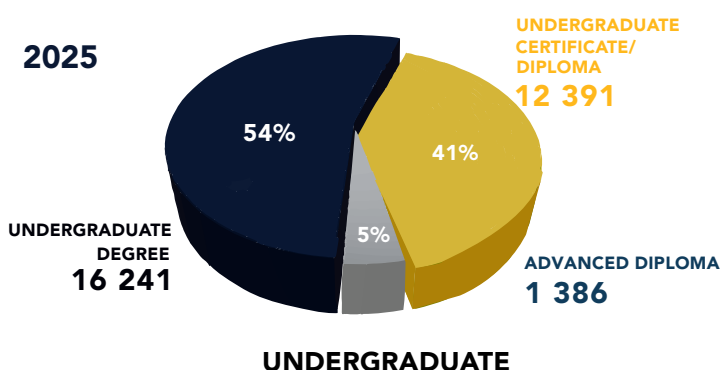
AS AT 5 MARCH 2026 VS 5 MARCH 2025



*Quintiles are a ranking system used by the Department of Basic Education (DBE) to classify public schools into five groups (1 to 5) based on the socioeconomic status of the community surrounding the school.

DISTRIBUTION OF UNDER- AND POSTGRADUATE ENROLMENTS BY QUALIFICATION TYPE

AS AT 5 MARCH 2026 VS 5 MARCH 2025



 NATIONAL AVERAGE 2024
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: 85%, POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS: 15%

NOTE: Occasional students are excluded

ENROLMENTS COMPARED TO 2026 TARGETS

	FIRST-TIME ENTERING UNDERGRADUATE	TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE	POSTGRADUATE TO MASTERS LEVEL	MASTERS	DOCTORAL	TOTAL POSTGRADUATE	OCCASIONAL STUDENTS	TOTAL ENROLMENT
TARGET 2026	8 500	31 219	1 503	1 422	549	3 474	92	34 785
2026 ENROLMENTS	8 723	30 159	1 423	1 175	409	3 007	80	33 246
DIFF FROM TARGET	+223	-1 060	-209	-269	-170	-467	-0.15	-1 539
% OF TARGET REACHED	103%	97%	86%	81%	69%	87%	87%	96%

FIRST-TIME ENTERING UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS AND REGISTRATION RATIOS 2026

AS AT 5 MARCH 2026 VS 5 MARCH 2025

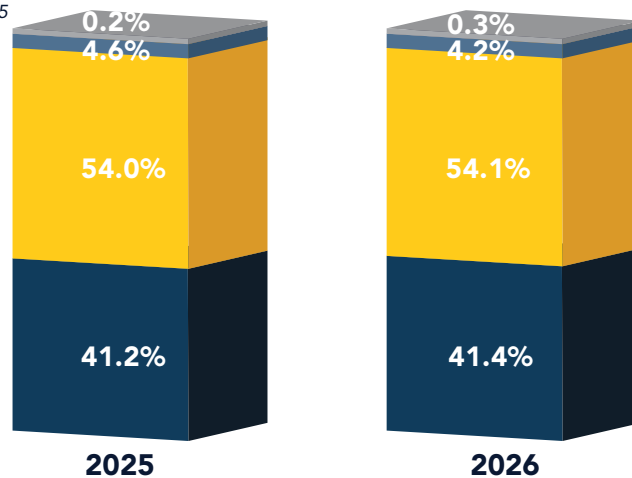
2025	BUSINESS & ECONOMIC SCIENCES	ENGINEERING, BUILT ENVIRONMENT & TECHNOLOGY	EDUCATION	HEALTH SCIENCES	HUMANITIES	LAW	SCIENCE	NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY
ADMISSIONS	7 600	3 080	908	1 473	2 346	1 096	1 870	18 373
REGISTRATIONS	3 398	1 319	340	859	1 511	523	722	8 672
*REGISTRATION: ADMISSION RATIO								
	45%	43%	37%	58%	64%	48%	39%	47%
2026								
ADMISSIONS	5 262	2 439	834	1 168	1 599	899	1 123	13 324
REGISTRATIONS	3 949	1 364	382	784	1 019	447	778	8 723
*REGISTRATION: ADMISSION RATIO								
	75%	56%	46%	67%	64%	50%	69%	65%

The registration to admissions ratio is the percentage of students that were admitted who finally registered.

NOTE: International occasionals are excluded from admissions only.

RATIO OF UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE / DIPLOMA TO UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

AS AT 5 MARCH 2026 VS 5 MARCH 2025



OCCASIONAL

ADVANCED DIPLOMA

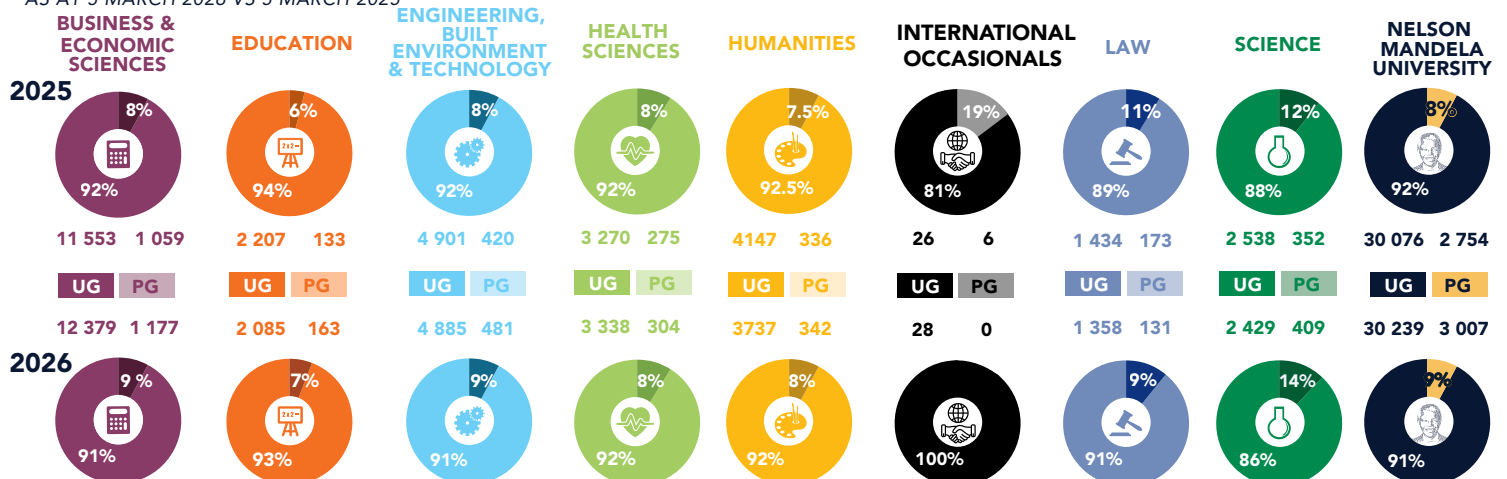
UG DEGREE

UG CERTIFICATE/
DIPLOMA

NOTE: UG Occasionals are included in this distribution.

UNDER- AND POSTGRADUATE STUDENT ENROLMENTS BY FACULTY

AS AT 5 MARCH 2026 VS 5 MARCH 2025



SPEND ON ACCESS TO MOBILE DEVICES FOR STUDENTS: 2024 - 2025

2024

SPEND ON
STUDENT
DEVICES

R13.3 million



2025

SPEND ON
STUDENT
DEVICES

R13.9 million



NUMBER OF DEVICES ISSUED TO STUDENTS: 2024 - 2025

2024

Devices issued
to FTEN
Students

2 425

Devices issued to
Medical
School

65

TOTAL

2 490



2025

Devices issued
to FTEN
Students

2 650

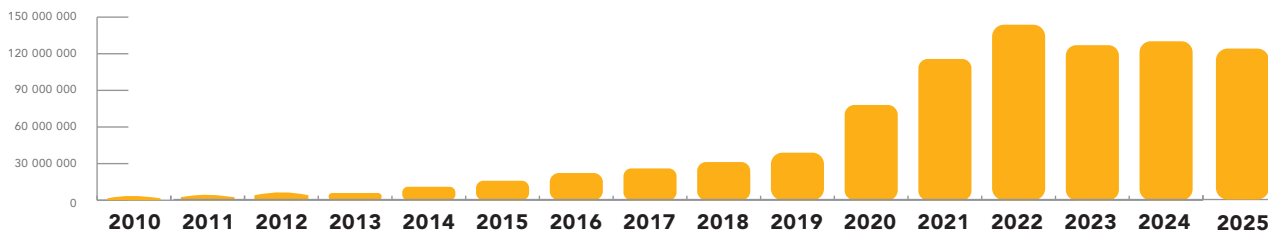
Devices issued to
Medical
School

76

TOTAL

2 726

ONLINE ACTIVITY ON THE MOODLE LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: 2010 - 2025



Since the start of the 2026 academic year, engagement on the platform has remained strong with total activity thus far at 11 959 767 interactions (Views and Posts).

Activity is the deliberate actions taken by users, and represents Views and Posts by users on the LMS. Views are instances where users access a learning resource or activity to browse, read or download it. Posts/Interactions are instances of active participation and engagement in online learning activities on the LMS such as: submitting comments, questions, or responses in online discussions.

STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID IN 2025 - 2026

2025

63%*
OF UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS RECEIVED NSFAS

2026

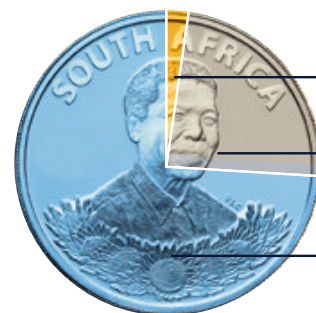
65%*
OF UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS RECEIVED NSFAS

NSFAS: National Student
Financial Aid Scheme

2025**



2026**



*Students who received financial assistance from NSFAS reflected as a percentage of the total enrolment headcount

** Students receiving financial aid from various sources reflected as a percentage of the total number of students receiving financial aid

DIFFERENTLY ABLED STUDENTS (DISCLOSED): 2025 - 2026

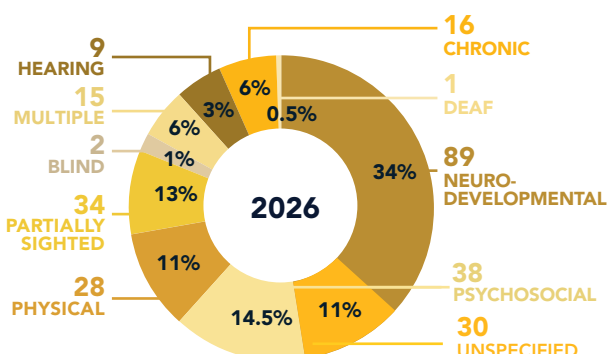
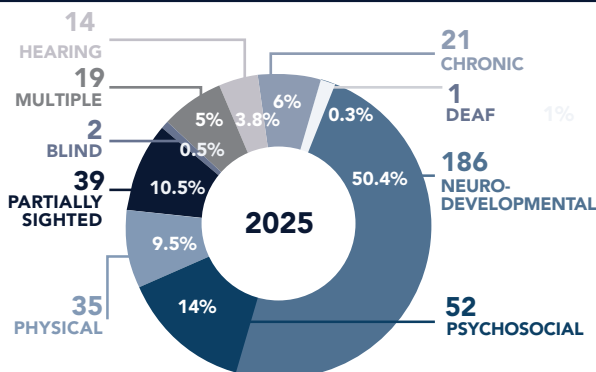
AS AT MARCH 2026

TOTAL STUDENTS

262

143
FEMALE

119
MALE



STUDENT ACCOMMODATION: 2025 - 2026



2025

2026

GEORGE
CAMPUS

GOEBERHA
CAMPUS

GEORGE
OFF-CAMPUS

GOEBERHA
OFF-CAMPUS

GRAND
TOTAL:
(Mandela
Accredited)

ALL
AVAILABLE
BEDS:

ON-CAMPUS BEDS:

TOTAL:

626

4 612

5 238

626

4 612

5 238

ACCREDITED OFF-CAMPUS BEDS:

TOTAL:

990

14 109

15 099

985

4 982

5 967

NSFAS ACCREDITED* OFF-CAMPUS BEDS:

326

16 421

16 747

20 337

11 205

27 952

*NOTE: NSFAS has assumed responsibility nationally for accrediting off-campus accommodation. These are unverified figures.