

MEDIA RELEASE PSA saddened by tragic passing of St Stithians pupils: Calls for thorough investigation

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is saddened by the tragic passing of a Grade-11 learner and a former learner who matriculated in 2025 whose bodies were discovered at a lodge in Sabie, Mpumalanga, on 3 August 2026.

The untimely loss of two young people is a tragedy. The PSA extends sympathy to their families, friends, fellow learners, educators, and the entire St Stithians College community during this difficult time. The tributes paid by the school community reflect the positive impact both young people had on those around them through their participation in school life, sport, and leadership activities.

The PSA noted that the South African Police Service (SAPS) has opened an inquest docket to determine the circumstances surrounding the deaths and that *post-mortem* examinations will be conducted to establish the cause of death.

Given the seriousness of this incident, the PSA calls on the relevant law enforcement authorities to conduct a thorough, impartial, and expeditious investigation. All circumstances surrounding this matter must be fully investigated to establish the facts and provide the bereaved families with answers and closure. The PSA trusts that the investigation will be conducted with the utmost professionalism, sensitivity, and integrity.

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