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Wishing you a restful recess

WHAT'S
UP!

What is?
POPI

The Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act sets conditions for how you can process information. It has been signed by the President and is law.

It considers your personal information as "precious goods" and therefore aims to bestow upon you, as the owner of your personal information, certain rights of protection and the ability to exercise control over it. Examples of an individual's "personal info" can include ID and or passport numbers, date of birth and age, phone numbers/ email addresses, physical addresses, gender and race, photos and recordings, marital- and family relations, criminal records, private correspondence, financial information, education information, employment history and salary information, physical and mental health information and membership to organisations and unions.

It must however be noted that some personal information, on its own, does not necessarily allow a third party to confirm or infer someone's identity to the extent that this information can be used/abused for other purposes. The combination of someone's name and phone number and/or email address for example is a lot more significant than just a name or phone number on its own. As such the Act defines a "unique identifier" to be data that "uniquely identifies that data subject in relation to that responsible party".

<https://www.workpool.co/featured/popii/>

These holidays, remember the three B's :

- * Be happy;
- * Be content; &
- * Be thankful.

Use the time away from campus to think about the past (learn from the mistakes & make certain you don't repeat it);

Think about the present (make time for yourself, your family, your pets, your friends);

Think about the future (don't worry too much about next year, next year will take care of itself—we cannot add or change anything in the future by worrying about it today).

When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one that has opened for us || *Alexander Graham Bell*

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

Our 10 NMMU branch delegates at NTEU National Congress 2015

