

2026

Welcoming



Booklet

COMMUTER STUDENT COMMUNITY

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Dear Aurorian,



Greetings Aurorians! We as your Welcoming leaders are extremely excited to have you spend your first two weeks of university with us. We have worked hard on creating a Welcoming programme that you are sure to enjoy. We are really happy to welcome you into our family. This is truly the place that becomes your home away from home and the place where you find your people. We want you to be unapologetically yourself in the community, where we can all celebrate our differences among one another.

At Aurora, we believe that every newcomer is already part of our community the moment they arrive. Guided by our shared values of Respect, Unity, Gees, Individuality, and Integrity, we aim to create a space where everyone feels seen, supported, and celebrated. During Welcoming, we focus on connection — from the music and laughter at registration to fun icebreakers, traditions like our Handprint Banner and Aurora Olympics, and meaningful moments that remind us of what it means to belong. Our goal is to welcome you warmly, build a strong community, bridge the gap between high school and university life, and set you up for academic success. Whether it's through our campus tours, mentor sessions, or tech talks, we're here to guide you every step of the way. Bring your energy, your individuality, and your gees — together, we make Aurora home.

Sincerely,
Your Welcoming Leaders



About Aurora

Established in 1981, Aurora is the oldest and largest mixed CSC (Commuter Student

Community) on the Stellenbosch campus. Aurora is well known for our participation in cultural and sporting events. As our community has grown, our participation in other activities has expanded. We offer numerous leadership opportunities to all our members, beginning with the House

Committee, Mentors and the Seniors Committee, to the Vensters Committee and the Newcomers Committee,

ensuring all our members are included in all structures of our beloved CSC. We have grown into a diverse and inclusive space that many can call their home away from home.


RESPECT




Demonstrating consideration, kindness, and value for others' feelings, rights, and perspectives, fostering mutual understanding and harmony.

INTEGRITY

The steadfast commitment to ethical principles and honesty, even in challenging situations, reflecting our strong moral character.




UNITY




The act of coming together as one, fostering cooperation and a sense of belonging in a group.

GEES

Spirit or soul of a person or the essence of the community's enthusiasm.



INDIVIDUALITY



The expression of our unique traits, beliefs, and characteristics, highlighting personal distinctiveness.

AURORA VALUES

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

1

WE DO NOT PROVIDE ACCOMODATION

Aurora CSC IS A COMMUTER STUDENT COMMUNITY. Which means WE DO NOT PROVIDE ACCOMODATION.

We support students living in private accommodation that attend Stellenbosch University however, **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATION .**

2

HUIS STANZI

The Aurora house is situated on 8 Hofmeyr Street, Stellenbosch Central, and is referred to as **'HUIS STANZI'**

REGISTRATION

3

PLACE: Krotoa Building

ADDRESS: 52 Ryneveld street

DATE: 26th January 2026

TIME: 08:30-11:30

4

ACCOMMODATION

If you require any assistance regarding accommodation, below is a useful link from the University with all you need to know about off campus living. As well as a list of University accredited off campus accommodation options.

<https://www.su.ac.za/en/apply/undergrad/accommodation/private-accommodation>

MORE INFORMATION

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For more information or any queries , please email our Secretary General at aurora@sun.ac.za or our Primaria at auroraprime@sun.ac.za





A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRIMARIA

Kayleigh Manuel

auroraprim@sun.ac.za

Congratulations on your provisional acceptance into Stellenbosch University and welcome to this vibrant community. If you've made it here after an enthusiastic stalk of our Instagram feed... welcome back. Curiosity finally got the best of you, and now you're paging through this booklet wondering what exactly you've signed yourself up for.

Let me put you at ease; you've made a great choice. From the moment you arrive, prepare for your world to expand with new friendships and experiences that will have you looking back on fond future memories built on so much fun. Aurora is a space where you can show up as your authentic self.

Here, you'll find a community who soon start to feel like family and share values that keep us grounded such as Individuality, Integrity, Respect, Unity and 'Gees' - a term we used to show enthusiasm and spirit. While we do not offer accommodation, we are intentional about creating a community outside of your degree. And look, I know transitioning from high school to university can feel overwhelming because suddenly you're navigating independence, deadlines, washing your own laundry (good luck), and figuring out where you fit in. Remember to take a breath, you're not doing this alone.

While we cannot help you with your laundry, we can be the friends who walk this journey with you. The truth is you don't have to fit in because you already belong. Being part of this community has shaped me more than I ever expected. I've grown so much here in so many ways I didn't see coming. Aurora has pushed, supported and held me through so many chapters during my time here at Stellenbosch University and I hope that you feel that same sense of belonging and comfort in Aurora. Your time here is what you make of it. When you show up, engage and allow yourself to experience the fullness of this community, something incredible happens and Stellenbosch starts to feel like a home away from home.

I truly cannot wait to welcome you into the Aurora family. Get ready, your story here is just beginning. It's going to be something special.

See you soon,

Sincerely,

Kayleigh Manuel

#Welcoming Throwback 2025



BEFORE YOU ARRIVE



PRE-ARRIVAL PROGRAM

A program conducted **VIRTUALLY** to equip you with what you need to know about Aurora, Welcoming and a little peak into what SU has in store for you.

DAY

1

Monday, 19 January

Mentors & Seniors Committee
Introduction to Aurora

DAY

2

Tuesday, 20 January

Culture
Academics
Finances

DAY

3

Wednesday, 21 January

Wellness
Registration QnA
Faculty information & Campus Tour

DAY

4

Thursday, 22 January

Cluster
Resources & Concessions/Special needs

DAY

5

Friday, 23 January

What is Vensters?
Top 10 Spots on Campus
Transport, Navigation and Safety

DAY

6

Saturday, 24 January

Student portal navigations
Welcoming QnA
Cluster competition announcement

ACCOMMODATION EXPLAINED

Please Note, before you plan your trip to Stellenbosch University, that Aurora is **not a residence** and we do not provide any accommodation and we operate independently of any central living facility. Therefore, securing accommodation is your responsibility before you arrive.

To assist in your search, we've provided a list of helpful contacts, links and resources.

Private Residences:

Eikenhof hostel: www.eikenhofkoshuis.co.za

Nooitgedacht: www.nooitgedachta.co.za

Stellies Student Stay: www.stelliesstudent.co.za

Stellenbosch University Accredited Accommodation:

To avoid students from being scammed SU has compiled a list of accredited accommodations that have been verified by the university.

This list can be found at:

<https://www.su.ac.za/en/apply/undergrad/accommodation/private-accommodation>

Estate agents (Apartments and Housing)

- Neelsie Eiendomme
- Nooitgedacht Real Estate (Pty) Ltd
- Anna Bosson Properties
- Law Geffen Sotheby's International Realty
- Pam Golding Properties Stellenbosch
- Leapfrog Stellenbosch
- Student LC
- Engel & Volkers Stellenbosch
- Seeff Stellenbosch
- Property Pro Stellenbosch
- Just Property Stellenbosch
- Chas Everitt Stellenbosch



CLOTHING PACKAGES



1.



2.



3.

1. R320

- T-shirt
- Drawstring Bag

2. R370

- T-shirt
- Cap
- Drawstring Bag

3. R620

- T-shirt
- Cap
- Drawstring Bag
- Aurora logo T-shirt



FOOD PACKAGES



Welcoming is a very long two weeks and most days will be spent on campus so being well fed is very important for everyone's safety. As well as to have enough energy to keep up.

To make things easier we have the option to purchase food packages through Aurora for the entire duration of welcoming once off, at the beginning of Welcoming.

This package includes 15 meals for R750 (R50 for each meal)

which will be given during all of the indicated meal times on the schedule

PLEASE NOTE!

It is NOT compulsory to purchase any food or merchandise. However, if you choose to order food please be aware that the amount will debited to YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT.

DIETARY ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

BE AWARE, STAY PREPARED!

- **Campus security (Emergency line)**
021 808 2333
- **Campus Security (WhatsApp number)**
082 808 2333
- **Campus Health**
021 808 3496
- **Stellenbosch Provincial Hospital**
021 883 3162
- **Stellenbosch Medi-Clinic**
021 883 3162
- **SAPS Emergency**
10111
- **Fire Department**
021 808 8888





PRE-ARRIVAL *Checklist*

AuroraCSC

BEFORE REGISTRATION DAY

- **SECURE ACCOMMODATION**
- ATTEND PRE-ARRIVAL ONLINE
- PACK WATER AND SUNSCREEN
- DOUBLE CHECK LOCATIONS USING THE CAMPUS MAP AND DIRECTORY FOR REGISTRATION AND PARKING LOCATIONS



ON REGISTRATION DAY

- MAKE YOUR WAY TO KROTOA
- CONSULT THE WELCOMING SCHEDULE AND CAMPUS MAP TO KNOW WHERE TO GO
- THE ONLINE CAMPUS MAP AT :
<https://campusmap.sun.ac.za/>

WHAT TO BRING TO WELCOMING DAILY

- REUSABLE BOTTLE FOR WATER
- CAP / HAT
- SUNSCREEN
- VIBESSSS



DON'T FORGET TO PACK A SMILING FACE AND SOME ENERGY!

MEET YOUR LEADERS



House Committee



Mentors



Seniors Committee





HOUSE COMMITTEE 2025



Primaria and Vice-Primarius



PRIMARIA

Kayleigh Manuel

SHE/HER

Dear Newcomer, Congratulations on your provisional acceptance into Stellenbosch University this represents an exciting milestone and brings you one step closer to the dream you've worked so hard for. I cannot wait to welcome you into this beautiful community as it is a place I value greatly, and it is also the place made my first friend in Stellenbosch. 3 years later she remains one of my closest friends. This community has given me so much hope and made my time at university so fruitful. I've grown professionally, academically and socially so much over these past few years, and I hope your journey, which is only just beginning, becomes even more than you imagined. I hope the memories you make here be the ones you look back on with a full heart.

A little insight into my interests, I love making music with my siblings and dancing and you will always catch me dancing or singing to any tune especially during Welcoming.

I love crafts, reading and plants. Funny story about my plant obsession, I am currently a proud plant mom of 9 and counting and my love for plants actually started back in 2023, at an Aurora Social Impact Morning in my first year Welcoming. I look forward to one day hearing your stories and seeing the impact you make here. See you soon Future Aurorian!

VICE-PRIMARIUS

Envir Tiervlei

HE/HIM

Firstly, congratulations on being accepted at Stellenbosch University. This is a massive achievement and it's the first of many to come. I'd like to welcome you to this amazing community. Aurora is a place where you can be yourself and grow as an individual but at the same time, you'll be able to grow in community. Aurora is a community with many different people from different backgrounds. In my time here I've met so many different individuals with their own stories and I've learned so much from them by getting to know them. In Aurora, Gees is one of our values. We go through life with High Energy and High Spirit. Whether it is a good time or a bad time, we continue to go through it with a high level of Gees. Speaking on my time here, mine was not as long as others who have started since their first year but in my short time it has been amazing. I've made friends who make life a lot more interesting and I've been able to grow as a leader as well because of them. To share a little bit about me, I'm someone who enjoys spending time with my friends and having a good laugh. I'm quite silly at times, always doing something crazy or making jokes. I am a bit of a sports enthusiast. I've played many different sports codes, and I enjoy keeping up to date with them. If you are ever looking for me on campus, you'll find me on the grass of the Rooiplein enjoying nature or in the library being an academic weapon.

I wish you all the best for your journey as a Stellenbosch student and a member of Aurora. Some advice I'd give you that was given to me by the previous Vice-Primaria is, "You'll always make time for something you want to do." So, with this, make sure to have fun with everything you do, if you make mistakes just laugh it off and try again until you eventually get it right. Be optimistic in every situation, the Sun will rise again tomorrow, and the sky will continue to be blue. I can't wait to meet each and every one of you and I cannot wait to be with you, as your Vice-Primarius, as you start your amazing journey.



HOUSE COMMITTEE



FINANCIAL MANAGER &
NEWCOMERS COMMITTEE LIASON

Taylor Muller-Rolls
SHE/HER

Firstly, I'm extremely proud of you for getting into SU. I am Taylor Muller-Rolls, your financial manager and Newcomers Committee liaison. As our future of Aurora, I trust you to do amazing works in this community, because it is your home away from home. Allow your voice to be heard, especially when difficult conversations are discussed, show up even when it feels uncomfortable (it gets better), always be willing to learn and always be willing to lend a listening ear. Allow yourself to dream big and never let anyone dim your light. In the midst of the university chaos you might feel like running - stay. You are right where you need to be. Forgive yourself as many as times as you need to, nobody's got it figured out and everyone is just learning. Explore and do not let your books consume you; you will eventually find your feet in your work-life balance. Stop waiting for Friday, for summer, for someone to fall in love with you, for life, because happiness is achieved when you stop waiting for it and make the most of the moment you are in now. After all, life wants to be lived and not just be survived. Breathe, you got this :))

SECRETARY GENERAL, SENIORS COMMITTEE
LIASON, ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE

Gabriel Katombe
HE/HIM

My earnest congratulations on your provisional acceptance to Stellenbosch University! I hope you're as excited for your journey as we are to welcome you. My best piece of advice is to embrace the change that is coming your way and to not shy away from whatever opportunities present themselves during your time here. Aurora's the perfect platform for you to hone in on your individuality, and you are more than likely to meet a dozen others with the exact same vibe as you. I encourage you to put yourself out there and to open the doors that you have the key to. You deserve to be here.



HOUSE COMMITTEE



HEAD MENTOR, VIRTUAL ENGAGEMENT,
CLUSTER

Julian Pool

HE/HIM

Welcome to Aurora! I'm Julian, your Head Mentor for 2025. I'll be the guy who'll make sure you survive the beautiful chaos of your first two weeks at Stellies.

I'm currently studying a BSc in Computer Science. But I also have a passion in building community, as well as having loads of fun along the way.

During Welcoming you'll find me running between sessions and encouraging you to participate in all the exciting activities that we have in store.

Welcoming is busy, and sometimes overwhelming, but it will be one of the most unforgettable times you'll have in Stellenbosch, Trust me.

If you ever need advice, directions, or someone to laugh with... I'm your guy.

I cannot wait to meet you and see you become part of Aurora's story.

ACADEMICS, SPONSORS, SPORTS,
SOCIAL IMPACT

Kyle Coetzee

HE/HIM

Hey everyone

My name is Kyle.

I'm the Academics, Sponsors, Sports and Social Impact HC.

I love playing boardgames and meeting new people.

My goal as a member of Aurora is to have fun and talk/get to know new people.



HOUSE COMMITTEE



SPORTS, SOCIALS, CLUSTER

Hlumisa Kgati

SHE/HER

Hi future Aurorians! I'm Hlumisa, and I am so excited to welcome you into our vibrant, warm and spirited family. When I joined Aurora, I was completely new to the community, new to the environment, and honestly a little unsure of how everything worked. Aurora quickly became the space where I found my people, my rhythm, and my confidence. Joining the community and getting involved in sports helped me build friendships and feel part of something much bigger than myself, and now I have the privilege of helping you experience that same sense of belonging.

As your Sports, Socials, and Cluster HC, my heart is set on creating spaces where you feel included, supported, and free to express your individuality. Whether it's showing up for sports with gees, enjoying our socials, or connecting with other communities in the VicMeyr Cluster, I want your Aurora experience to be filled with joy, growth, and real connection. You can expect a community that celebrates who you are, pushes you to explore, and stands by you throughout your university journey. I can't wait to meet you, cheer you on, and help you find your home away from home. Welcome to Aurora — you're going to love it here!

SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER, WELLNESS,
CRITICAL ENGAGEMENT

Dezi Katsande

SHE/THEY

Hi Future Aurorians!

A big congratulations on your provisional acceptance. I know how hard you had to work to make it this far. The end of one journey means the beginning of another and I am excited to usher you into this new era. I'm a huge introvert but a bigger yapper when I get comfortable or when I'm creatively expressing myself, which is fitting as your critical engagement and social media creative. I can't wait to meet you all, feel free to walk up to me and yap about anything (I don't bite don't worry!)

Xoxo,
your friendly neighborhood introvert



HOUSE COMMITTEE



CLOTHING AND BRANDING, EQUIPMENT,
VENSTERS AND CONNECT

Jacques Issacs

HE/HIM

Hey future Aurorians! I'm Jacques Isaacs, and I'm genuinely excited to welcome you into the Aurora family. I'm an Engineering student, but when I'm not deep in circuits or calculations, you'll catch me chasing a cold switch, or bringing some positive energy into any room I walk into.

As part of the House Committee, my goal is to help create an environment where every newcomer feels welcomed from day one. I want Aurora to be a space where you can be yourself, feel supported through the tough days, and celebrate the good ones with people who genuinely have your back. I can't wait to meet all of you and start building moments that we'll look back on with a smile.

WELCOMING LEADER, SUSTAINABILITY,
CLOTHING & BRANDING, VENSTERS

Chantel Smit
SHE/HER

Hi Future Aurorians.

I'm so excited to meet you soon. Aurora is a community where you're encouraged to show up exactly as you are. Here, individuality is celebrated, your voice matters, and you're given the space to grow into the version of yourself you're proud of. It has been such an honour to be part of this house, and my vision for future Aurorians is simple: that you feel welcomed, supported, inspired, and empowered to leave your own bright mark on this community.

I'm someone who thrives on art and creativity, anything that lets me express myself and bring ideas to life. I can't wait to see how each of you adds to the story of Aurora.



HOUSE COMMITTEE



CULTURE, HUISFONDS DANCE, HOUSE DANCE

Gizelle Classen

SHE/HER

Hi prospective Aurorian and congrats on your provisional acceptance into Stellenbosch University.

I'm Gizelle and one thing you should know about me is I'm always keen for a random side quest, especially if it involves ice cream.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you and I hope that your journey in varsity starts with excitement and ends with contentment and memories!

See you very soon ;)

WELCOMING LEADER AND PLANNER, HUIS STANZI, HOUSE DANCE & HUISFONDS

Abashia Boyce

SHE/HER

Heyyy guys, I'm Abashia but you can call me Bash. Firstly congratulations on making it into Stellenbosch University! It is definitely something to be proud of. University life goes by in the blink of an eye, so grab the opportunities that it and Aurora have to offer. Carpe diem! Welcoming is truly the most exciting time of a newcomers life; partake in the activities and have fun. Please do feel free to approach me and have a chat, my face is scary looking but I promise I'm not. I can't wait to meet y'all <3



THE MENTORS



Message from the Head Mentor

DEAR AURORIAN,



Before you meet your mentors, I want you to know that this team is special. Each mentor was chosen because they bring energy and a passion to support newcomers.

They're here to guide you, hype you up, and help you settle into Aurora with confidence. No matter what you need, someone on this team has your back. We can't wait to meet you and start this journey together.

Julian Pool



AMILA TEMBANI

Why don't scientists
trust atoms? Because
they make up
everything!

TAIRA ESSACK

What do you call a
group of cows
playing instruments?
A moo-sical band.



SEBASTIAN KUNZ

Have you ever tried
eating a clock, its
rather
time-consuming..

DANNY BOOYSEN

What do you call a
Frenchman wearing
sandals? Philippe
Philoppe



ANJA BREYTENBACH

Why did the bicycle fall
over?
Because it was two-
tired!



NALEDI MOTAUNG

I told my lab partner a
chemistry joke. They
had no reaction.



GIOVANNI DIERGAARDT

Why did the soccer player bring a pillow onto the field? So that he can have a soft defense!

REQUALME LE ROUX

Why do seagulls fly over the sea? Because if they flew over the bay, they'd be bagels.

EMMA AITKEN

Where do rainbows go when they've been bad? To prism, so they have time to reflect on what they've done.

CHAZ YOUNG

What did the police officer say to his belly button? You're under a vest!

SAMUKELISIWE NCANANA

I named my dog "Five miles"... So I can tell people I walk five miles every day.

SEAN ZHANJE

I used to be a banker...
But I lost interest.

A stylized illustration of a yellow flower with green leaves, positioned vertically on the left side of the page.

JENNA KER-FOX

I told my doctor I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.

A stylized illustration of a yellow flower with green leaves, positioned vertically in the middle of the page.

ZARA MIA ADAMS

What do you call a mouse that swears?
A cursor.

A stylized illustration of a yellow flower with green leaves, positioned vertically on the left side of the page.

NALEDI IVIWE MOKHELE

Scientists got bored watching the earth turn, so after 24 hours they called it a day.



ETHAN (TAYLOR) ROBERT BLAKE

How does a non-binary samurai kill people? They slash them.



HANNO FOURIE

You know, people say they pick their nose, but I feel like I was born with mine.



NICOLA JANSE VAN RENSBURG

When does a joke become a dad joke? When the punchline becomes apparent.

LIAM TREU

What do you call your
sweaty uncle's wife?
Auntie Perspirant.



ALLISTER FICK

Why did the
scarecrow get
promoted?
Because he was
outstanding in his
field.



SENIORS COMMITTEE

2026



Letter from the Seniors Committee Liason

Bonjour Aurorians,



Welcome to your home away from home. The Seniors Committee are a special group of people that cultivate that feeling of home by catering to the needs and desires of everyone from their second year onwards. They uphold the vibe of the Aurora community and ensure that you're still feeling welcomed, heard, and seen throughout your years. During your Welcoming period, the Seniors Committee will be there to help with getting you all settled in, maintaining gees and distributing merch and food packages. During the year, they may host a variety of offerings for seniors (and first-years), either for recreational or fundraising purposes.

I encourage you to get to know each of them, and to inform them of your passions and your interests so they may better accommodate you throughout the year.

The Seniors Committee are there to support you, so don't be shy to ask them for help with anything during Welcoming. We got you!

À bientôt!

Gabriel Katombe

Sixolile Mbopa



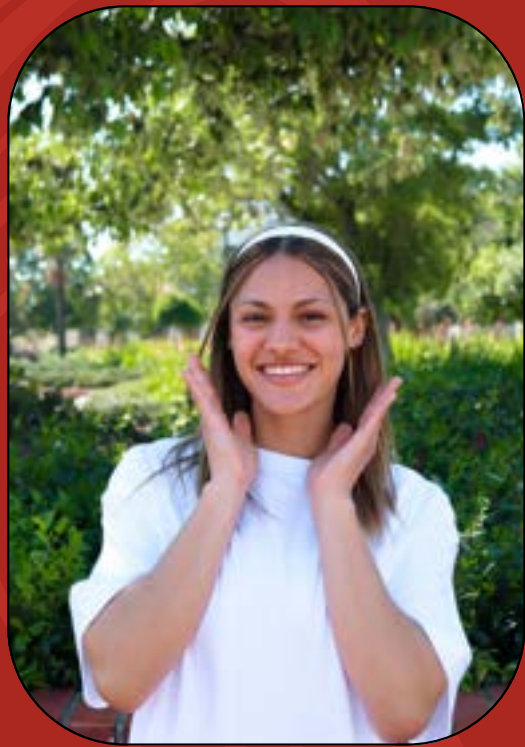
“No pen, no paper, but I’m still
drawing your attention.”

Chairperson

Cara -Jan Philander

“With the amount of character development I went through at uni, I don’t need a movie – I am the movie.”

Vice-Chairperson



Njabulo Dlamini

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”

– Anonymous.

Luce Coetzee

You're never too
young or old to
experience and
achieve more things
in life. YOLO!!



Chelsea Kohler

Why did the student's
coffee file a police
report?
Because it got mugged.

Morgan Jammi Owies

“Be a voice, not an
echo.”

– Albert Einstein.



Janine Vermeulen

Too Blessed
to be
stressed
:)

Caleb Gabriels

"I was an ordinary person who studied hard. There are no miracle people."
- Richard Feynman



Hlonela Sineitha
Xungu

Running late is my
cardio.

Dear Aurora Newcomer

Congratulations on your provisional acceptance to Stellenbosch University, and a warm welcome to Aurora!

Studying at SU is both a great honour and an exciting opportunity. As you prepare to begin this new chapter, we wish you every success as you take the first steps in your university journey. Please note that your allocation to the Aurora community is conditional and subject to you receiving an academic offer and successfully registering at Stellenbosch University.

The Commuter Student Communities Unit at Stellenbosch University is responsible for managing the Aurora Community, together with its House Committee and mentors. We form part of your support network and are here to assist with your academic and social integration at SU. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need guidance along the way.

Aurora is a values-driven community, and these values guide everything we do. Being part of Aurora will allow you to forge new paths, build meaningful relationships, and discover innovative ways to grow both personally and academically.

The Commuter Student Communities (CSCs) model ensures that students living in private accommodation remain connected to one another and to campus life. Through a combination of in-person and virtual engagement, Aurora offers a range of opportunities to participate in community activities, mentorship, and events even when you are off campus.

We encourage you to make the most of every opportunity that comes your way. At Stellenbosch University, your academic programme is only one part of your developmental experience. Aurora will help you become a well-rounded graduate, ready to thrive in an ever-changing world.

We look forward to welcoming you into the Aurora community with open arms.

Warm regards,

Commuter Student Communities Unit





Nabbihun
Cluster Convenor



Ricky
Cluster Convenor



Alexa
Cluster Administrator



Rachel
Social Media Manager

Wie kuier? VicMeyr

VICMEYR CLUSTER

Welcome to the VicMeyr Cluster!

Welkom by die VicMey Kluster! Wamkelekile kwiqela lendibano leVicMeyr

VicMeyr unites six communities: Aurora, Dagbreek, Majuba, Minerva, Lydia, and Huis ten Bosch, all linked between Victoria and Hofmeyr Street.

We're a collaborative, inclusive space where students connect across communities, share experiences, and build meaningful relationships. Each community brings its own character, and together we're stronger.

We'll see you at Cluster Day and Cluster Athletics- good luck with welcoming!





VICMEYR SONGS

Oh VicMeyr

Oooh oh oh VicMeyr x4 (at least)

SONG 1

Wie maak die jol vol

Wie maak die jol vol

VicMeyr maak die jol vol

Yaaaaaa (with beat)

SONG 2

Masambe VicMeyr

Let's go VicMeyr!

Masambe

Masambe

Masambe VicMeyr

SUKANI SUKANI (hip movements)

SONG 3













WELCOMING SCHEDULE



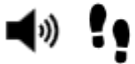





Symbol	Meaning
	This activity involves physical movement and require high energy levels
	This activity involves loud music, cheering, singing and other high intensity sound or noise
	This activity involves interacting in large groups between (50 and 500 people at a time)
	This activity involves small groups (less than 30), or personal time or engagements that allow for low intensity interactions and less structure
	This facility or venue is accessible to students and staff with disabilities

26 JANUARY - 07 FEBRUARY

Date: MONDAY, 26 JANUARY 2026

Time	Activity	Where?	Notes
8:30-11 AM	REGISTRATION/FORMAL WELCOMING (MERCH HANDOUT)	KROTOA	
11 AM	ICE BREAKERS & ICE LOLLIES	HUIS STANZI	
12 AM	MEET YOUR MENTOR	HUIS STANZI	 
1 PM	LUNCH	HTB	
2 PM	GEESBOU	HUIS STANZI	  
3 PM	ROLL CALL	HUIS STANZI	
4 PM	HOME COMING CEREMONY + HIGHS & LOWS	HUIS STANZI	
5:30 PM	HOME TIME!		
8 PM	OPTIONAL FOR LAW STUDENTS: VICMEYR SOCIAL	TBC	



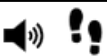



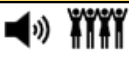


Date: TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2026

Time	Activity	Where?	Notes
8 AM	MORNING ARRIVAL	HUIS STANZI	
8:30 AM	AURA CHECK	HUIS STANZI	
9 AM	AUROLYMPICS	JAN MARAIS NATURE RESERVE	
11 AM	LET'S TALK - SAY MY NAME	JAN MOUTON	
1 PM	LUNCH	HTB	
2 PM	MENTOR SESSION	TBC	
3 PM	MARK OF THE SWALLOWS	HUIS STANZI	
4 PM	COLOURS OF HUIS HOOGAURA	HUIS STANZI	
5 PM	HIGHS & LOWS	HUIS STANZI	
5:30 PM	HOME TIME!		

Reminders on important things to take note of today

PLEASE PACK AN OLD PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT FOR THE COLOURS OF HUIS HOOGAURA
ACTIVITY








Date: WEDNESDAY, 28 JANUARY 2026

Time	Activity	Where?	Notes
7 AM TO 9 AM	STUDENTS IN THE PROGRAMMES B OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OT) AND B OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND HEARING THERAPY (SLHT) FOLLOW THE PROGRAMME FOR THE TYGERBERG CAMPUS ON THE MORNING OF WEDNESDAY, 28 JANUARY 2026 AND THEREAFTER THESE STUDENTS FOLLOW THE PROGRAMME OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AT THE STELLENBOSCH CAMPUS.		
8 AM	MORNING ARRIVAL + AURA CHECK	HUIS STANZI	
9 AM	MENTOR SESSION	HUIS STANZI	
10 AM	PAINT TOWN RED	AROUND CAMPUS	
12 AM	LUNCH	HUIS STANZI	
1 PM	AURORA FUN FAIR	HUIS STANZI	
3 PM	MOVE TO DANIE CRAVEN STADIUM	DANIE CRAVEN	
4 PM	DINNER/INFORMAL PROGRAM AT DANIE CRAVEN	DANIE CRAVEN	
5 PM	OFFICAL WELCOMING BY THE RECTOR	DANIE CRAVEN	
6 PM	MEET FOR THE 2026 PHOTO	THE FIELD	
8 PM	DREAMWALK	VICTORIA STREET	
10 PM	HOME TIME		







Reminders on important things happening today

IF YOU GET LOST ON THE WAY ON THE WAY TO DANIE CRAVEN LOOK OUT FOR AURORA LEADERSHIP AND FOLLOW THE AURORA A SIGNS

Date: THURSDAY, 29 JANUARY 2026

Time	Activity	Where?	Notes
8 AM	MORNING ARRIVAL	HUIS STANZI	
9 AM	CLUSTER INTRODUCTION	DAGBREEK	
10 AM	CLUSTER DAY	DAGBREEK	
1 PM	LUNCH	BOTANICAL GARDENS	
2 PM	COFFEE & CONE CRAWL	TOWN	
4 PM	SRC ROADSHOW	HUIS STANZI	
5 PM	VENSTERS PRACTICE	HUIS STANZI	
6 PM	HIGHS & LOWS	HUIS STANZI	
6:30 PM	JUST WING IT	HUIS STANZI	
7:15 PM	HOME TIME!		






Date: FRIDAY, 30 JANUARY 2026

Time	Activity	Where?	Notes
8 AM -12 PM	VARIOUS ACADEMIC PROGRAMS		
8 AM	ARRIVAL + AURA CHECK	HUIS STANZI	
9 AM	WHERE IS RORY?	CAMPUS TOUR	
11 AM	MONSTER MADNESS	HUIS STANZI	
12 PM	LUNCH	TBC	
1 PM	POOL PARTY	MATIES POOL	
2:30 PM	WELCOMING FAIR	COETZENBURG FIELDS	
4 PM	THEATRE PRODUCTION	COETZENBURG CENTRE	
6:15 PM	HOME TIME!		

Reminders on important things to take note of

- FOR THE POOL PARTY DONT FORGET TO PACK: A SWIMSUIT, TOWEL, SUNSCREEN AND ANY OTHER APPARATUS NEEDED TO MAKE FOR A COMFORTABLE SWIMMING EXPERIENCE
- THE THEATRE PRODUCTION MAY DEAL WITH SOME UNCOMFORTABLE THEMES, HOWEVER YOU ARE WELCOME TO LEAVE IF ANY SCENE IS TRIGGERING AND RETURN ONCE YOU ARE COMFORTABLE







Date: MONDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2026

Time	Activity	Where?	Notes
8 AM	MORNING ARRIVAL	HUIS STANZI	
8:30 AM	AURA CHECK	HUIS STANZI	
9 AM	ACADEMIC PROGRAMS	UNIVERSITY	
12 PM	LUNCH WITH SILENE	TBC	
1 PM	ACADEMIC PROGRAMS	UNIVERSITY	
4:30 PM	LET'S TALK: DRINKING CULTURE AND SAFE DRINKING	JAN MOUTON	
6 PM	DINNER	ROOIPLEIN	
7 PM	RORY'S NIGHT OUT	TOWN	
9 PM	HOME TIME!		


Reminders on important things happening today

- OUR LET'S TALK TODAY INVOLVES TALKS AROUND ALCOHOL AND ALCOHOLISM AND POTENTIALLY TRIGGERING TOPICS AROUND THEM
 - ON THAT NOTE WE URGE EVERYONE TO COME INTO THIS TALK WITH SENSITIVITY AND AN OPEN MIND TO LISTEN AND LEARN





Date: TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2026

Time	Activity	Where?	Notes
8 AM	MORNING ARRIVAL	HUIS STANZI	
8:30 AM	AURA CHECK	HUIS STANZI	
9 AM	ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES	UNIVERSITY	
12 PM	LUNCH WITH HUIS HOOGAURA	HELSHOOGTE	
1 PM	ACADEMIC PROGRAM	UNIVERSITY	
4 PM	VENSTER PRACTICE	HUIS STANZI	
5 PM	TOAST & TOASTIES	HUIS STANZI	
6 PM	RORY-OKE NIGHT	HUIS STANZI	
8 PM	HOME TIME!		








Date: WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2026

Time	Activity	Where?	Notes
8 AM	MORNING ARRIVAL	HUIS STANZI	
8:30 AM	AURA CHECK	HUIS STANZI	
9 AM	ACADEMIC PROGRAM		
12 PM	LUNCH	ROOIPLEIN	
1 PM	LET'S TALK: GBV	JAN MOUTON	
2 PM	COMPULSORY ECP SESSION FOR STUDENTS FROM THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND AGRISCIENCES (EXCLUDING BAGRIC AGRI-BUSINESS MANAGEMENT ECP & BSCAGRIC AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS & MANAGEMENT ECP)		
3 PM	MENTOR SESSION	TBC	
4 PM	AURORA'S GOT TALENT	HUIS STANZI	 
6 PM	HOME TIME		













Date: THURSDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2026

Time	Activity	Where?	Notes
8 AM	MORNING ARRIVAL	HUIS STANZI	
8:30 AM	AURA CHECK	HUIS STANZI	
9 AM	RORY'S RHYTHM RUSH	JAN MARAIS	
11 AM	GEESBOU	HUIS STANZI	
12 PM	SIP, SWIRL & SOAR	HUIS STANZI	
1 PM	LUNCH	HTB	
2 PM	VENSTERS PRACTICE	HELSHOOGTE	
4 PM	DINNER	COETZENBURG	
5 PM	CLUSTER NEWCOMERS' ATHLETICS	MATIES ATHLETICS CLUB	
9 PM	HOME TIME		

Date: FRIDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2026

Time	Activity	Where?	Notes
8 AM	MORNING ARRIVAL	HUIS STANZI	
8:30 AM	AURA CHECK	HUIS STANZI	
9 AM	SOCIAL IMPACT MORNING	TBC	
12 PM	LUNCH	HUIS STANZI	
1 PM	COLOURS OF HUIS HOOGAURA	HUIS STANZI	
3 PM	VENSTERS DRESS REHEARSAL	HUIS STANZI	
4 PM	VENSTERS PRACTICE	NEETHLING	
5:30 PM	TAKING FLIGHT CEREMONY	HUIS STANZI	
6 PM	HOME TIME		

Date: SATURDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2026

Time	Activity	Where?	Notes
8 AM	MORNING ARRIVAL+ AURA CHECK	HUIS STANZI	
9 AM	MONITOR CHECK	HUIS STANZI	
10 AM	VENSTERS PRACTICE	HELSHOOGTE	  
12 PM	LUNCH	TBC	
1 PM	VENSTERS PREPARATIONS	HUIS STANZI	
2 PM	VENSTERS PRACTICE	HUIS STANZI	  
4 PM	PERFORMANCE/CONNECT	COETZENBURG	  
11 PM	HOME TIME		

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FIRGA: COMPUTER CENTRE FOR ENGINEERING FACULTY

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HUMARGA: COMPUTER CENTRE FOR THE BA AND EDUCATION FACULTY STUDENTS FOUND IN THE ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES BUILDING, 3RD FLOOR AND IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING

KLEIN SATERDAG: WEDNESDAYS STELLENBOSCH STUDENTS ENJOY GOING OUT

NARGA: COMPUTER CENTRE FOR THE SCIENCES FACULTY.

NEELSIE: ON CAMPUS SHOPPING CENTRE WHERE WE CAN GO TO EAT AND DO GENERAL ERRANDS, IT ALSO HOUSES MANY OF THE STUDENT ORGANISATIONS OFFICES AS WELL AS THE SRC OFFICE.

PRIM: SHORT FOR PRIMARIA/PRIMARIUS. THIS IS THE HEAD LEADER OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

ROOIPLEIN: THE RED BRICK AND GRASS AREA BETWEEN THE NEELSIE AND LIBRARY.

SECOND OPP/A3: THE SECOND OPPORTUNITY THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMS. (RULES DIFFER FOR EACH MODULE AND FACULTY).

SRC: STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (OUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT).

SS: STUDENT STUDY CENTRE (A MOSTLY QUIET PLACE WHERE YOU CAN STUDY) IN THE JC SMUTS BUILDING.

CSCD/SSVO: CENTRE FOR STUDENT COUNSELLING AND DEVELOPMENT.

SUNLEARN: OUR UNIVERSITY WEBSITE WHERE YOUR LECTURER UPLOADS ALL YOUR SLIDES AND NOTES FOR EACH MODULE.

VICE-PRIMARIUM: THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE



GEES BOU

Aurora, we're the swallows

Alis et Animo

Please shake our hands We welcome you

This is our grand hello.

1. GREETING SONG

Nice to meet you Where you been We're Aurora

Let the fun begin x2

3. CHEER

YESSS-WE! Cheer really loud

We wear swallows and we're proud!

At Aurora CSC you will stand out in the crowd.

We've got spirit in the air And our hearts are filled
with pride

Aurora's by your side!

Ooo Aurora X2

We are the besta X2

We love-it love-it love-it X2

oooo auro-roar-rah X2

2. OOO AURORA

Met my hand op my hart Sing ek vurig

vir Aurora Legendes deur die Jare En

my bors wat swel van trots Want ek sê

in Wie ek is En alles is so mooi Geanker

in Aurora Want my blood is rooi

La la la la la la hey x2

3. GEES MASJEN

(Tune of die
bokmasjen).

MEAL BOOKINGS

Within our cluster you can book meals at the cluster open dining hall:

Huis Ten Bosch Ladies Residence (HTB)

- Navigate to MySUN and click on Accommodation
- Next click on meal booking, sign in and follow the prompts.
- When choosing the facilities ensure that you click on Huis Ten Bosch

Create a Booking:

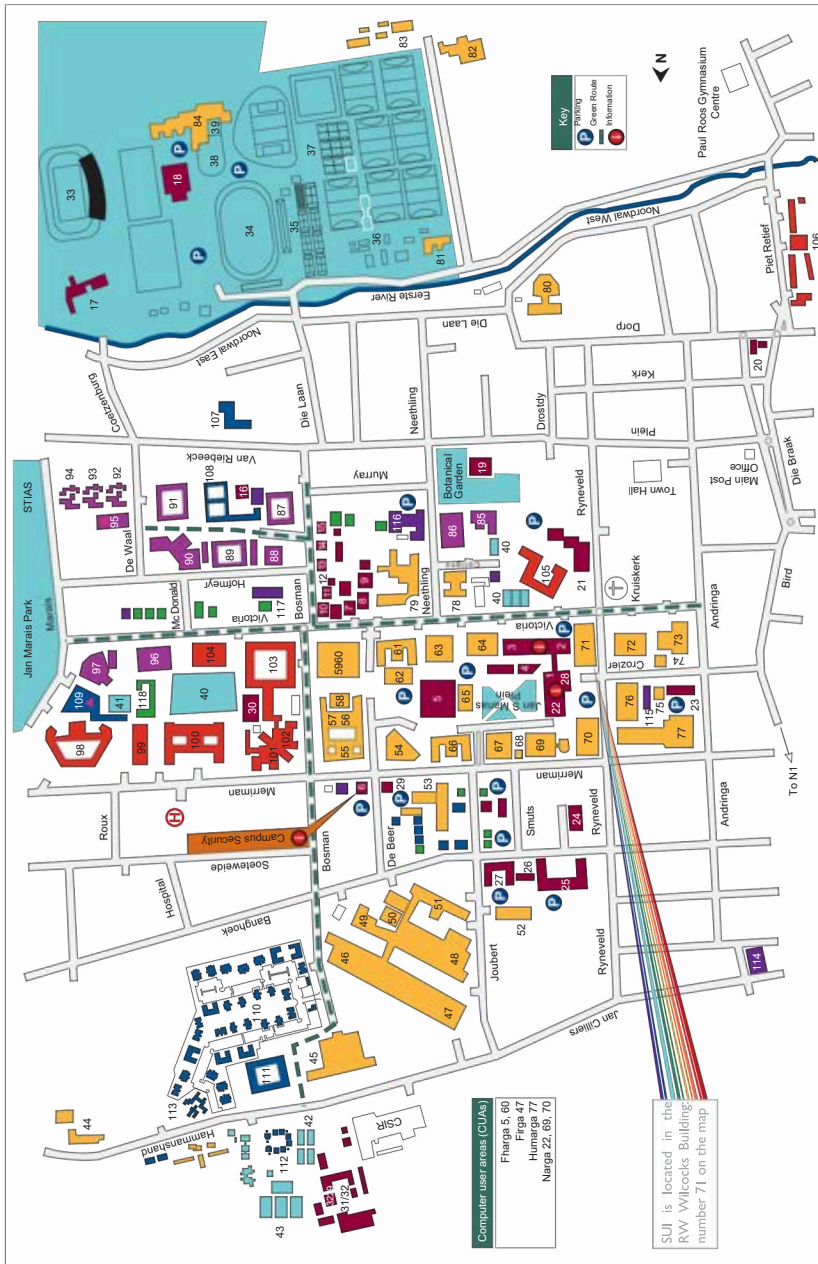
Click on the date you want in the meal calendar. A pop-up will guide you through selecting your meal. Use the arrows at the top to switch between months.

Modify a Booking:

Click on the booked meal (e.g., Lunch) in the calendar and follow the pop-up instructions. Note: some bookings close for edits close to the meal date.

Cancel a Booking:

Click on the booked meal (e.g., Breakfast) you want to cancel and use the pop-up. Note: cancellations are also restricted close to the meal date.



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- 10 Centre for Teaching and Learning
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- 13 Campus Health Services
- 14 Maties Sport
- 15 Coetzenburg Centre
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- 17 SU Art Gallery
- 18 Eben Dönges Centre (Sasol Art Museum)
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- 21 WAT, 115 Banghoek Road
- 22 Matie Community Services, Lückhoff School
- 23 SU Vehicle Fleet
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December 2025 Dear Prospective Student CHARGING FIRST YEAR WELCOMING PACKAGES TO STUDENT

ACCOUNTS 2026 Welcome to your Commuter Student community at Stellenbosch University! You have been assigned

to a CSC (Commuter student Community) as you have not chosen to stay in an SU residence in 2026. During the annual welcoming period in the beginning of the year, communities take responsibility for exposing first years to Stellenbosch University in a welcoming manner.

Because CSCs do not have a dining hall (although some CSCs will arrange meals for their students in dining halls during the welcoming period) where students can enjoy meals, CSC first years are provided with "welcoming packages". These packages usually consist of several meals, clothing, and other items unique to each community. During CSC registration on the first day of Welcoming (Monday 26th January 2026), you will have the option of purchasing one of these welcoming packages at a set price (which may vary from community to community). Each CSC will also offer different options (both clothing and meals, only meals, only clothing, etc.) that students can then select. Please see the bottom of this email for more information.

Stellenbosch University utilizes a cashless system to allow students to purchase these packages hassle free. You, or your parents or guardian, will have to sign an acknowledgment of debt on the day so that the clothing, food, etc. for the welcoming period can be made available to you. After registration the cost will be charged to your student account to be paid with all other student-related expenses. Please note that once the form is signed you will be liable for the costs of the package selected, regardless of you having all the meals or not, or not wanting the clothing after the first few days.

Acquiring the "welcoming packages" is not compulsory, but we do want to encourage you to take the opportunity to do so as it will make your welcoming period a much more enjoyable experience. Please find attached the form for your completion. You are welcome to print the form and bring it along.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at cscu@sun.ac.za

PERMISSION: CHARGING COST OF WELCOMING PACKAGE TO 2026 STUDENT ACCOUNT

DETAILS OF STUDENT

NAME AND SURNAME:

STUDENT NUMBER:

CSC:

CHOICE OF WELCOMING PACKAGE (MARK WITH AN X):

PACKAGE1 (T-shirt & Drawstring bag) COST: R320	PACKAGE2(T-shirt, Drawstring bag & Cap) COST: R 370	PACKAGE3(T-shirt,Logo top, Drawstring bag & Cap) COST: R 620	FOOD PACKAGE (INCL 15 MEALS) COST: R750

By signing this form, you commit in writing to the following:

I hereby grant permission that the cost of the welcoming package may be charged to my student account.

I understand that acquiring the welcoming package is not compulsory.

I understand that if I sign the form, I must pay the costs and I will not be able to be reimbursed.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT OR GUARDIAN:

DATE:

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Please take note that we usually do not reimburse students simply because they change their minds. However, if the goods are faulty or defective, have been described incorrectly, differ from the sample shown to you or do not function according to their purpose, you can choose between reimbursement, exchange, or repair of the goods.

Eco-friendly living

How to reduce your carbon footprint
and join the Net Zero Carbon journey

Water

- Water restrictions still apply.
- Use only 80 L /person/day.
- Shower 3 -5 min.
- Use eco-friendly personal products.
- No rinsing or washing with running water.

Energy

- Use LED lamps only.
- Limit fridge use to one 150 L bar fridge per room.
- Air dry clothes when possible.
- Turn off lights & unplug devices when not in use.
- Use A++ energy efficient appliances (low wattage).

Transport

- Everything is within easy walking distance on campus.
- Walk or cycle instead of driving.
- Hire a Matie bike.
- Share rides or use shuttles.

Waste

- SUhasa zero waste to landfill goal.
- Buy less items that must be thrown away.
- Bring reusable bags, cups, bottles and containers - no single use items.
- Compost food scraps & sort recyclables properly.
- No wet items in the recycling bin.

Get involved

- Join your community Green/ Sustainability Com.
- Follow: @su.environmental.sust

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ATHLETICS DAY

COETZENBURG ATHLETICS
STADIUM

5 FEBRUARY 2026 17:30 - 20:30



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