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# Welcoming Booklet



**SILENE**



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# What is a CSC?

## CSCU OFFICE

Dear Silene Newcomer

Congratulations on your provisional acceptance to Stellenbosch University, and a warm welcome to Silene! Studying at SU is both a great honor 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 Silene 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 Silene 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.

Silene is a values-driven community, and these values guide everything we do. Being part of Silene 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, Silene 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. Silene will help you become a well-rounded graduate, ready to thrive in an ever-changing world.

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

Warm regards,  
Commuter Student Communities Unit

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# SILENE'S IDENTITY

## UNITY • RESPECT • FRIENDSHIP ACCEPTANCE • INDIVIDUALITY

Silene is one of 11 CSC's and one of four female only CSC's on campus that make up S.A.V.E (Silene, Aristea, Venustia, Equite). Our organization consists of approximately 1200 women living in private accommodations campus and in surrounding areas.

Our community coordinates the transition of students from high school into university and campus life. This entails a variety of aspects an individual would like to experience. We ensure that each individual is well-rounded when they leave as a graduate of Stellenbosch University and of course, we help provide as many opportunities as possible, to formulate relationships with diverse groups of people.

### OUR VISION:

Our vision is to navigate the spaces our community finds itself in with a youthful and light-hearted spirit. To intentionally celebrate our members with enthusiasm and to proactively push for institutional change by confidently taking up space and embracing who we are and strive to be

### OUR MISSION:

Our mission for the 2026 leadership terms is to hold events that enables our members to engage in their passions, and that actively and vocally celebrates our members. To create a platform for open communication and feedback from our members, beginning with community conversations.



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# Victoria Cluster



This vibrant and diverse Victoria Cluster is your gateway to a thriving university experience as well as a network of people and resources across Residences and Commuter Student Communities (CSCs). Located near the iconic Victoria Street, Victoria Cluster is aptly named and is one of the eight unique clusters on campus, each with its own distinct character and community. These clusters include Validus, Rubix, amaMaties, VicMeyer, Wimbeldon, SLS (Senior Living Spaces), and TygerMaties on Tygerberg campus.

Victoria Cluster includes the following Residences and CSCs, all of which contribute to the vibrancy of our community:

- Silene Women's CSC
- Oude Molen Men's CSC
- Monica Women's Residence
- Wilgenhof Men's Residence
- Harmonie Women's Residence



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# Cluster Team



## Cluster convenor

*Sebastian  
Myburgh*



## Cluster convenor

*Kate  
Biebuyck*



## Cluster Coordinator

*Monica  
Du Toit*



## Cluster Admin

*Keathan  
Du Plessis*



@VICTORIACLUSTER



## Social Media

*Louise  
Le Grange*



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## The Hub



The Victoria cluster student hub is the place to be. It is still very new, therefore the exterior and interior is very modern and aesthetically pleasing which will release some dopamine in your brain just by looking at it. The first floor is open for the entire campus, the second floor is open only for Victoria cluster students and the third floor is a private accommodation that is only open to Silene and Oude Molen's House Committee. This multi functional space offers a little bit of something for everyone.

Whether you want to socialize with a group of friends, the first floor offers a pool table, foosball table, soft music and Munch Deli which has delicious food and beverages to satisfy your tastebuds. Or perhaps you want to be academically productive, the second floor also known as the multi functional area offers a stunning academic space with cute furniture and natural sunlight to help you study. The best part about the Victoria cluster hub is that it is open 24/7

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# OUR ETHOS

Established in 2008, Silene acts as a Commuter Student Community (CSC) within the larger Stellenbosch community. Our members are majority female and female identifying students who commute or live in private accommodation. The community is dedicated to creating an environment wherein its members strive to become well rounded, value driven, and active citizens. Our mission is to mold members into thought leaders who bring inspiration and innovation to all aspects of their lives and the lives of those around them.

We pride ourselves as a warm and welcoming space for our members during their transitional period into university life, as well as the tight-knit community they form a part of throughout their time at Stellenbosch University. Silene CSC aims to ensure the inclusion and consideration of all our new and senior members so that they may flourish both socially and academically.



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## *Hi! my name is Usha Daniels Silene's 2025/26 Primaria*

**As Primaria, my role is to amplify the voice of Silene within Stellenbosch University and to lead a team dedicated to making your first steps into university unforgettable. We'll do our very best to help you navigate this new and sometimes daunting experience so that you feel supported, confident, and ready to thrive.**

**A bit about me: I started studying at SU in 2023, and in 2026 I will be in my 4th year, completing a BA Humanities degree as a triple major. I love music, dance, reading, and sports. You'll almost always find me in the Victoria Hub—whether I'm studying, playing pool, or grabbing food from Munch. I can be the quietest person in the room or an absolute firecracker; as they say, dynamite comes in small packages. I might seem intimidating at first, but I promise I'm someone who will listen wholeheartedly and help wherever and however I can.**

**University can feel overwhelming, but Silene is here to make it easier. Our welcoming programme is designed to ensure that you feel integrated, informed, and supported—it's one of the best opportunities to build a foundation for success in university life. Silene has given me lifelong friends and countless opportunities to grow, and I hope it becomes that same safe, empowering space for you.**

# **A letter from our PRIMARIA**

**Silene will be turning 18 in 2026, and as we step into this milestone year, we aim to strengthen our identity and solidify who we are as a community on campus. We strive to create a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming environment—not just during welcoming, but throughout the year. This community should reflect you, your values, and your experiences. And if ever you feel it doesn't, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Your voice matters, and I'm here to listen. We cannot wait to welcome you with open arms to our community in sunny Stellenbosch!**

**Much love — I can't wait to meet you,  
Usha**

**SILENE@sun.ac.za**



## VICE PRIMARIA

*Julia  
Kotze*

My name is Julia Nicole Kotzé, and I have the privilege of serving as your Vice Primaria this year. I'm an optimistic and approachable person with a genuine passion for making others feel welcomed, included, and supported. In 2026, I'll be in my third year studying towards a Humanities degree, and my New Year's resolution is simply to move more — which means you'll definitely catch me dancing every single day of Welcoming.

My portfolios include Internal Relations and Discipline, where I focus on strengthening the inner workings of our House Committee and ensuring a fair, respectful disciplinary structure within our community. Most importantly, I oversee Safety — making sure every member of Silene feels secure, protected, and genuinely cared for. If you ever have concerns, questions, or just need guidance, please know that I'm always here to help.

The best piece of advice I can offer is to fully embrace everything welcoming has to offer. Open yourself up to the fun, the experiences, and the opportunities we've created for you. Lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories are waiting — don't miss your chance to make the most of every moment.

I'm super excited to meet all of you!

P.S. Don't forget your sunblock — Stellenbosch is HOT.



Hello! I am Bongiwe Nombebe, a civil engineering student and the Head Mentor of Silene. In this role, I work with the mentors to support and guide commuter students, helping them feel comfortable, empowered, and fully included on campus. I am passionate about creating a welcoming and supportive environment where students feel seen, heard, and encouraged to thrive both academically and personally.

With my strong commitment to the growth and success of others, I strive to support and guide our team of mentors so that every student has the tools, confidence, and opportunities they need to succeed in the university environment. By empowering mentors and fostering collaboration, I aim to inspire resilience, active community engagement, and a strong sense of belonging among all commuter students. Through this work, I hope to contribute to a campus community where every student feels valued and equipped to achieve their full potential.



**HEAD  
MENTOR**  
*Bongiwe  
Nombebe*

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Hi everyone!

My name is Kamo, and I am your Secretary HC for 2026. I'm incredibly excited to welcome you to the 2026 academic year and to Silene! I absolutely love talking, connecting with people, and creating a warm, supportive environment where everyone feels comfortable and included.

I'm all about those big-sissy vibes, and leadership is something I'm truly passionate about. I can't wait to be part of your journey, to support you, and to help make your transition into university as smooth, inspiring, and memorable as possible. Whether you need guidance, a friendly chat, or just someone to hype you up, I'm here for you.

I'm honored to walk this chapter with you, and I'm genuinely excited to meet every single one of you. Here's to an amazing year together filled with growth, connection, and unforgettable moments!

## Secretary Ramogelo Mack

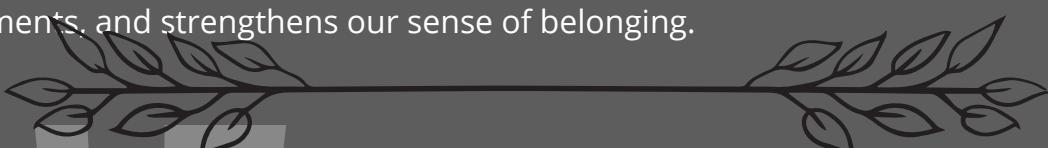


I am a warm, driven, and community-minded person who values connection, creativity, and authenticity. I genuinely enjoy bringing people together and creating spaces that feel welcoming, inclusive, and full of positive energy. I'm organized, reliable, and confident in taking initiative—especially in environments where teamwork, communication, and collaboration matter. I also enjoy expressing myself through design, fashion, and storytelling, and I bring positivity, dedication, and intention into everything I do.

In the Merchandise portfolio, I focus on creating items that truly reflect our house identity, combining style, quality, and a sense of unity. Through thoughtful design and attention to detail, I aim to produce pieces that people are excited and proud to wear. In Social Media, my goal is to showcase our spirit through engaging, consistent, and meaningful content that highlights our community, celebrates our achievements, and strengthens our sense of belonging.



## Merch & Social Media Yolanda Ngcobo



I'm someone who tries to bring light into every space I walk into. I smile easily—not because life is perfect, but because I want people to feel warmth, comfort, and safety around me. Caring for others comes naturally; I often find myself putting their needs first without even thinking about it, simply because I genuinely want them to feel supported and valued.

I love motivating people, reminding them of their worth, and being the person they can turn to on both their best and their hardest days. Showing kindness isn't something I have to force or think about—it's something that feels woven into who I am. It brings me joy to uplift others, to be a steady presence, and to help create an atmosphere where everyone feels seen, appreciated, and cared for.



## Wellness | Culture Anga Stefane



**Sports**  
*Zeah  
Stewart*

Hey girls! My name is Zeah — or as the rest of my HC team likes to call me, Luke, a.k.a. Lukie Pookie. My portfolios for 2025/26 are Sport, Welcoming, Vensters, and Sustainability, and each of these areas reflects a big part of who I am and the things I genuinely enjoy.

I'm a very easy-going person, always down for a laugh, and I love getting involved wherever I can. Whether it's bringing people together through sports, creating amazing welcoming experiences, adding some creativity to Vensters, or pushing for more sustainable ideas, I'm always excited to be part of the action.

I'm really looking forward to the year ahead and everything we're going to experience together. I can't wait to meet you all and bring good vibes, energy, and support into welcoming. Here's to an unforgettable year!



Hiii! I'm Mpho, a self-established chips (fries) connoisseur. I am chronically online, and when I'm not doom scrolling, I'm probably taking a nap or biting my nails while watching football. I'm studying a BSc in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology.

Coming all the way from Limpopo, Polokwane, Silene has been a place where I found genuine friendships and a strong support system that helped me understand university life better. It helped me overcome many of the fears and anxieties I had when I first arrived. As a Welcoming Leader and Vensters HC, I am so excited to meet each and every one of you and create memorable, meaningful moments together.

As a new butterfly joining our ever-growing kaleidoscope, I hope you spread your wings throughout welcoming and truly thrive in your SU journey.



**Financial  
Manager**  
*Mpho  
Mabusela*



Hey, Amy here, I'm someone who enjoys getting involved, learning new things, and working with different people. My portfolios—Cluster, Social Impact, Socials, Seniors Comm, Economics, and Skills Development—reflect the wide range of things I care about and the spaces where I've grown. Each one has challenged me to communicate more effectively, plan with intention, and think creatively about how to support others.

I enjoy being part of projects that bring people together, create meaningful impact, or simply help things run more smoothly behind the scenes. My work reflects who I am: committed, curious, reliable, and always ready to step up and try something new. I love contributing to environments where people feel connected, supported, and motivated to grow—because those are the places where I thrive too.



**Cluster**  
*Amy  
Petersen*



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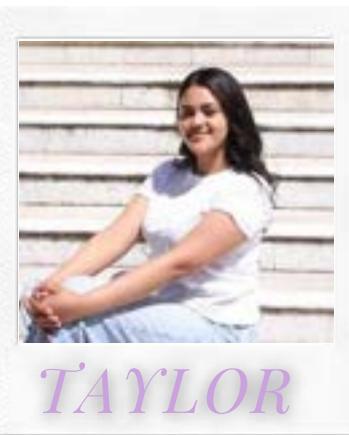
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# Mentors



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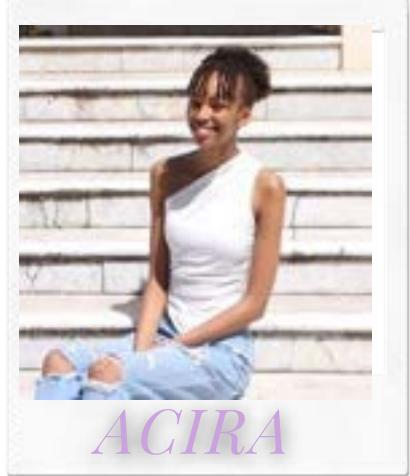
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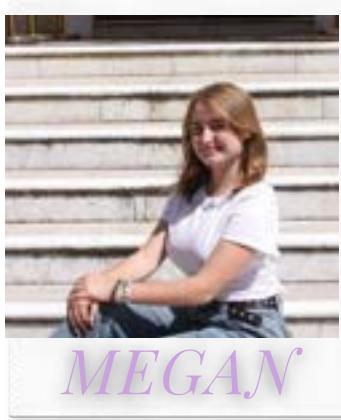
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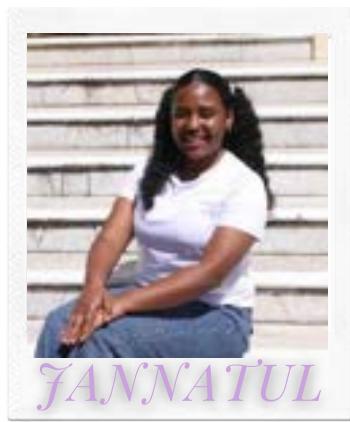
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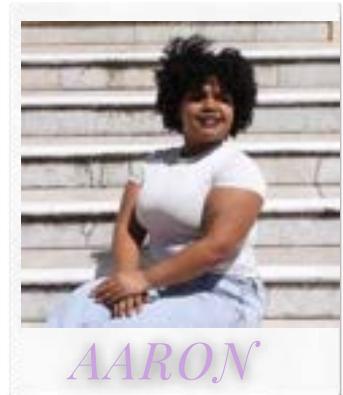
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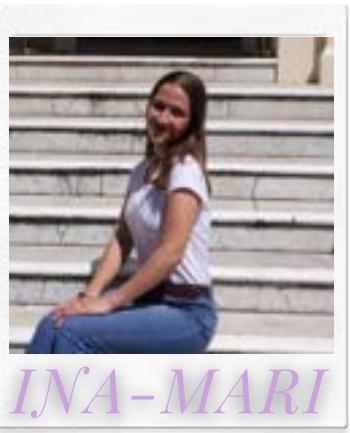
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# MEET OUR

## *Silene Committee*





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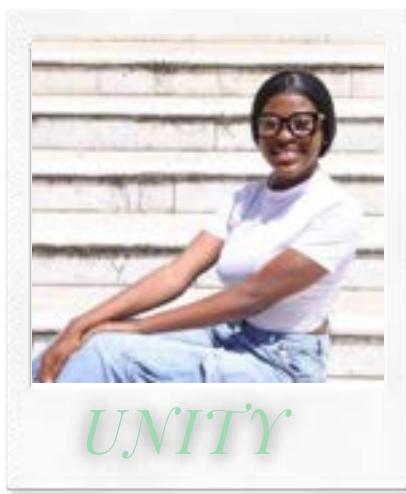


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# Silene Committee



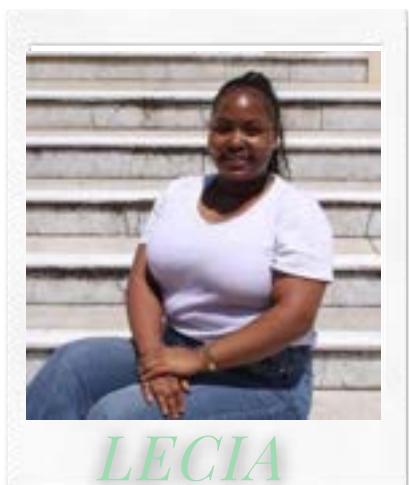
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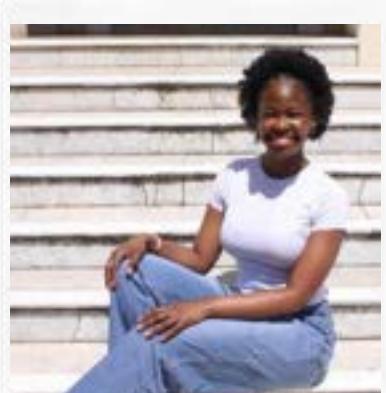
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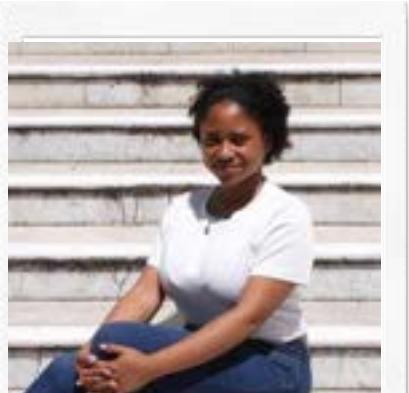
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# Welcoming

## **HOW IT WORKS**

Welcoming, also known as Orientation week (O-Week), is a two week long period where newcomers are introduced to Stellenbosch University.

Silene plays a unique role in this experience as we aim to guide our newcomers through the twists and turns of university life.

Our goal, as Silene, is to create a welcoming programme that fosters a sense of belonging and connection for all students within our community. We are all about creating spaces for you to build meaningful relationships, share experiences and feel like you can be yourself. It's all about you! Our future Silener! Our whole team is dedicated to providing support throughout the programme as we aim to help you cement your place within Silene and the greater university environment. Our programme is designed to embrace and celebrate diversity and to stimulate interaction in both faculty and non-faculty settings.

As a CSC, we aim to cater to your unique needs, establishing a vibrant view of campus life that is unparalleled. From small community events to bigger, more exciting events, such as our purple splash, where newcomers are thrown with purple powder paint, we create memories that will hopefully last you a lifetime. Additionally, we hope to create spaces for you to engage with seniors to address any concerns and ease the transition into university life. We hope in our intentions, newcomers feel valued, heard and loved by the community. We are beyond excited to start this journey with you as we welcome you with open hearts and our aesthetically pleasing hub, ready for you to make it all yours!

The welcoming schedule is filled with fun and laughter, as well as bonding and critical thinking. The next chapter of your life starts here!

## **The welcoming Leaders**



**Zeah**



**MPHO**



**KAMO**

# Vensters and Connect

Connect/Vensters at Stellenbosch University is a creative production all newcomers from all communities (residences an CSC's) participate in for prizes/awards. Each community gets paired with a community from a different cluster and the production includes dancing and acting based on a storyline each partnership has created.

Silene's partners for 2026 are Harmonie and Hippokrates and the name for this partnership is Hippoharlene. The theme for this years production is CARNIVAL!

We have a number of dances that newcomers will be required to learn. All the dances are different and accommodate for different genres and/or dance styles, to allow newcomers to choose a dance they are comfortable with and would love to perform. However there is one song all communities have to come up with a dance for (known as the big dance) and all the newcomers will have to learn and perform for the production that is on the 07th of February 2026!

There are a number of practices scheduled for the production, some with our partners and some within Silene. It is advised to bring water bottles or something light to give you energy for these practices as it could get really hot and tiring (we will provide water). There will be choreographers to help newcomers with the dances and auditions for actors will be held early on in the welcoming programme, so make sure to be there so you do not miss out on the fun of preparing for Connect!

This experience is one of the highlights of welcoming for most newcomers so brace yourselves and get ready to dance like your life depends on it

## **CONNECT HC**





# Transport

## Shuttles and Links

During the welcoming period, there will be shuttles available to you. These shuttles are there to drop off students in areas such as Bellville, Kraaifontein, Athlone, Mitchells Plain, Somerset West, Strand, Paarl, Wellington and surrounding areas in Stellenbosch.

These shuttles need to be booked daily before 10:30am, you will be given the correct links necessary for this in due time. Two time slots are available for drop off, 19:00 and 21:00 daily. The meeting points and other information will be communicated to you.

Welcoming is a way for us to welcome you at the beginning of the best time of your life.

Welcoming is one of the many sparkling highlights you will have in your university career. You will make friends for life, learn so many new skills and dance moves and make memories to savor in your heart which you will look back on for the rest of your life. There really is no gift as valuable as the present and with that

said, I encourage you to take part in welcoming and be there. The welcoming schedule is planned long before the new year starts and each and every offering is intentional and well thought through.

Come join us and have fun with us! We are here for you and the welcoming period is for YOU!

### A few survival tips:

- Freeze a water bottle for every day to bring with.
- Wear a hat and LOADS of sunscreen!
- Eat enough to keep your energy up!
- Have fun and don't be scared!

Everyone is in the same boat as you and we want to get to know you for who you are!



# Safety

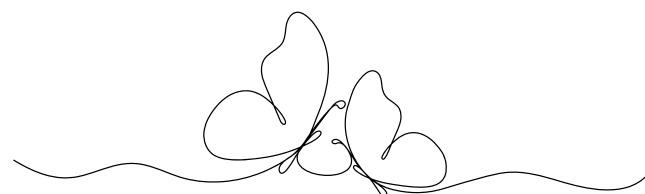
Hi Sileners! Safety in silene is one of our biggest and most important priorities ensuring that every member of our community enjoys a transformative, supportive and exciting experience. Not only is this our goal for every member of Silene but it is a heightened priority for our newcomers as we assist you all in the transition you now will take!

## **SAFETY TIPS**

1. Stay Aware: Be alert and avoid distractions like phones or headphones when walking around.
2. Use Campus Security: Contact campus security for help or an escort, especially at night.
3. Stick to Well-Lit Areas: Avoid dark or isolated areas after dark.
4. Be Cautious with Strangers: Don't share personal info, and be wary of unsolicited requests.
5. Safe Transport: Walk with friends or use trusted transport services like campus shuttles or rideshare.
6. Secure Your Valuables: Keep phones, wallets, and valuables out of sight.
7. Residence Safety: Always lock doors and windows, and don't let strangers into your building.
8. Report Suspicious Activity: Report anything unusual to security immediately.
9. Safe Socializing: Never leave your drink unattended and keep track of your belongings.
10. Online Safety: Protect personal info online and be wary of phishing emails.
11. Emergency Preparedness: Know emergency numbers and the location of first-aid stations.
12. Self-Defense: Consider taking a self-defense class for extra confidence which silene offers to our students



**JULIA**



# Safety Numbers

## STELLENBOSCH CAMPUS 24-hour EMERGENCY number:

021 808 2333

Toll-free number:

0800 02 5827

WhatsApp Pedestrian Escort:

082 808 2333

General enquiries: 021 808 4202

## TYGERBERG CAMPUS 24-hour EMERGENCY number:

021 931 5111

Toll-free number:

0800 00 67 67

WhatsApp Pedestrian Escort:

083 938 1841

## SAPS Stellenbosch Police Station:

021 809 5000

ER24 Stellenbosch: 084 124

Netcare 911: 082 911

Life Line: 086 132 2322

Snake/Scorpion/Spider Bite

Hotline: 021 931 6129

Mobile phone emergency  
number: 112

South African Tourism helpline:

083 123 6789

Arrive Alive Call Centre:

0861 400 800

# Accommodation



Silene CSC is not a residence, and does not provide accommodation to students. Students in Silene CSC are required to find their own private accommodation. However, we can provide students with helpful links to find a living space

Stellenbosch accredited accommodation 2026 link:

<https://files.su.ac.za/public/undergraduate-maties/documents/2025-11/stellenbosch-accredited-accommodation-2026.xlsx>

SU guidelines for off-campus private student housing accreditation 2025:

<https://files.su.ac.za/public/undergraduate-maties/documents/2025-10/su-guidelines-campus-private-student-housing-accreditation.pdf>

Other useful accommodation websites:

<https://files.su.ac.za/public/maties/documents/2025-04/list-useful-accommodation-websites-2024.pdf>

# WHAT TO PACK

- Plain red/yellow/green/blue shirt - Vensters
- Black/yellow shirt - Cluster athletics
- White shirt - purple splash
- Sunscreen and waterbottle
- Comfortable walking shoes and hat
- Snacks
- Notebook, Pen and Power bank
- Extra money to buy food/drinks
- Enthusiasm and Excitement

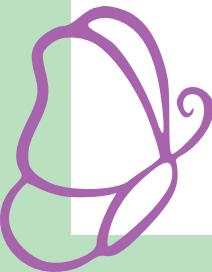


# Virtual Pre-arrival

## MONDAY 19 JANUARY THEME: MENTORS

9AM Mentor roles  
Instagram

11AM Mentor introduction  
Instagram



## WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY THEME: FACULTY

9AM Faculty student committee's  
Instagram

11AM Campus interactive map  
Instagram



## TUESDAY 20 JANUARY THEME: ALL THINGS CAMPUS

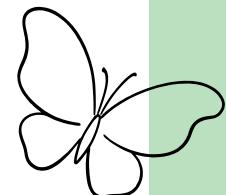
9AM What is admin A  
Instagram

11AM Accredited Accommodation  
Instagram

1PM Shuttle service info  
Instagram

3PM Getting to the hub  
Instagram

4PM Victoria hub tour  
Instagram



## THURSDAY 22 JANUARY THEME: HOUSE COMMITTEE

9AM HC Introduction  
Instagram

11AM Advice & tips  
Instagram

1PM Q & A  
Teams



# Virtual Pre-arrival

**FRIDAY 23 JANUARY**

**THEME: CLUSTER**

- 9AM What is cluster Instagram
- 11AM Cluster team introduction Instagram
- 1PM Advice and tips from cluster Instagram

**SATURDAY 24 JANUARY**

**THEME: WELCOMING**

- 9AM Stellies essentials Instagram
- 11AM Mentor Interviews Instagram

**SUNDAY 25 JANUARY**

**THEME: WELLNESS**

- 9AM Wellness info session Instagram
- 11AM Online games Discord
- 1PM Reflective session Instagram

# Welcoming Programme

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# MONDAY

26 Jan

09:00-10:00

Registration

10:00-11:00

Lets break the  
Iceberg



11:00-12:00

Welcome to Silene

12:00-13:00

Lunch

13:00-14:00

Meet a Mentor

14:00-15:30

Caterpillar Crawl

15:30-17:00

Silene  
Songs / War cries



17:00-18:00

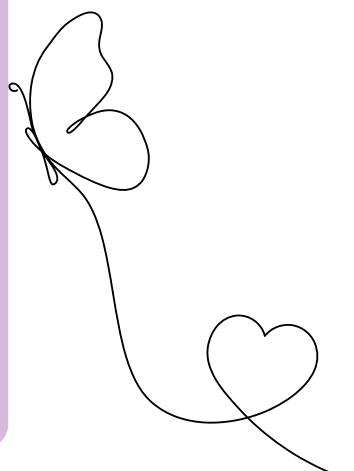
What a day

## WHAT TO BRING:

- Reusable water bottle
- Sunhat
- Sunblock

## WHERE TO MEET:

Victoria Hub



# TUESDAY

27 Jan

08:30-16:00

Law faculty  
Program

08:30-09:30

Registration

09:30-10:30

Eco maties and die  
maties chat

10:30-12:00

Wild n Out Silene  
edition



12:00-13:00

Silene songs / war  
cries

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:00

Mentor Check in



15:00-17:00

Quizzday with  
Oude Molen

17:30-19:00

Sip & paint with  
Venustia

19:00

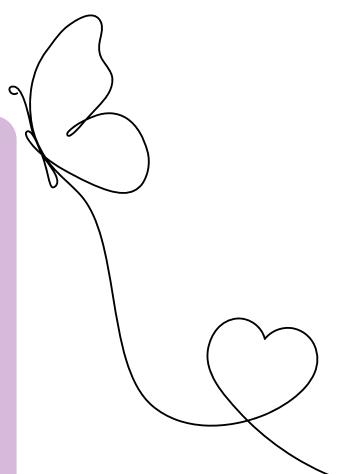
Shuttles and end  
of day

## WHAT TO BRING:

- Reusable water bottle
- Notebook and pen
- Sunhat
- Sunblock

## WHERE TO MEET:

Victoria Hub



# WEDNESDAY

28 Jan

07:30-09:00

Compulsory OT  
SLHT program

08:30-09:30

Registration

09:30-10:30

Courageous  
conversation

10:30-12:00

Dreamwalk  
posters

12:00-13:30

Lunch

13:30-15:30

Maroon Madness

16:00-17:00

Walk to Danie  
craven

17:00-19:00

Rectors  
welcoming

20:00-22:00

Dreamwalk

22:00

Shuttles and end  
of day

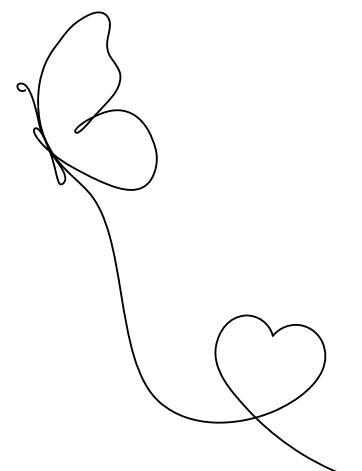


## WHAT TO BRING:

- Reusable water bottle
- Sunhat
- Sunblock

## WHERE TO MEET:

Victoria Hub



# THURSDAY

29 Jan

08:30-09:30

Cluster introduction

09:30-12:30

Cluster Day



12:30-14:00

Lunch

14:00-16:00

Faculty programme visits

16:00-17:00

What a day



19:00

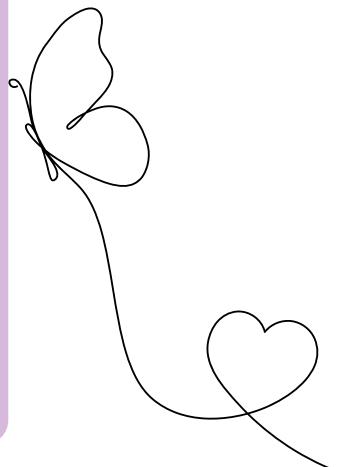
Shuttles and end of day

## WHAT TO BRING:

- Reusable water bottle
- Sunhat
- Sunblock

## WHERE TO MEET:

Victoria Hub



# FRIDAY

30 Jan

08:30-09:00

Maties gym chat

09:00-10:00

Lets get  
moneywise

10:00-10:30

My brew chat

10:30-12:00

Connect  
interaction

12:00-13:00

Lunch

13:00-14:30

Theatre  
production

14:45-16:15

Pool party

16:30-18:00

Welcoming fair

18:00-19:00

What a day

19:00

Shuttles and end  
of day

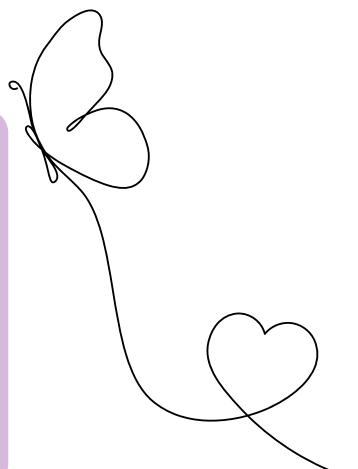


## WHAT TO BRING:

- Reusable water bottle
- Change of clothes
- Sunhat
- Sunblock

## WHERE TO MEET:

Victoria Hub



**Saturday &  
Sunday  
Rest days**



# MONDAY

02 Feb

08:30-09:30

Registration and coffee



09:00-16:30

Academic programme

12:00-13:00

Lunch

16:30-17:30

Vensters practice

17:30-18:30

Mentor check in

19:00

Shuttles

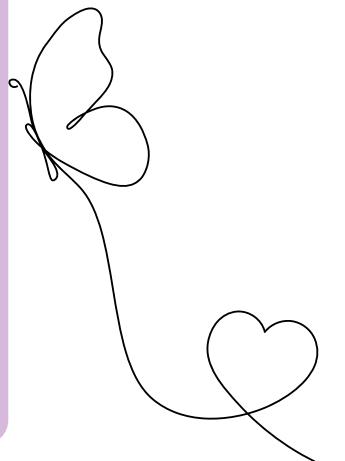


## WHAT TO BRING:

- Reusable water bottle
- Notebook and pen
- Sunhat
- Sunblock

## WHERE TO MEET:

Victoria Hub



# TUESDAY

03 Feb

08:30-09:00

Campus security

09:00-17:30

Academic  
programme

12:00-13:00

Lunch

16:30-18:00

Vensters practice

19:00

Shuttles

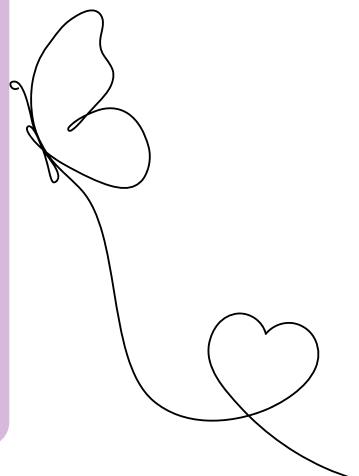


## WHAT TO BRING:

- Reusable water bottle
- Notebook and pen
- Sunhat
- Sunblock

## WHERE TO MEET:

Victoria Hub



# WEDNESDAY

09 Feb

09:00-12:30

Academic programme

12:00-13:00

Lunch

13:00-14:00

Courageous conversation



14:00-16:00

Compulsory ECP session

14:00-15:30

Stellenbosch campus amazing race

15:30-16:30

Vensters practice



18:00-21:00

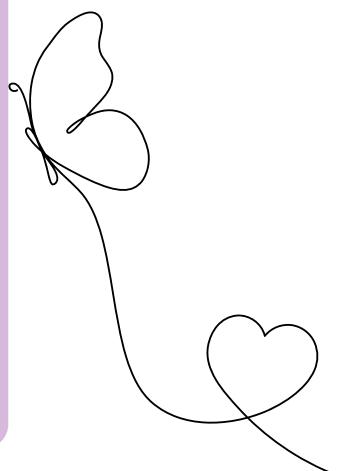
Town night with Vesta

## WHAT TO BRING:

- Reusable water bottle
- Notebook and pen
- Change of clothes
- Sunhat
- Sunblock

## WHERE TO MEET:

Victoria Hub



# THURSDAY

05 Feb

08:15-10:00

Benchmark test



09:00-10:30

Pilates with Erica and Aristea

11:00-12:00

Dodgeballons with Vesta and Venustia

12:00-13:00

Lunch

13:00-15:30

Vensters practice



15:30-16:30

Silence is the name of the game

16:30-17:30

Dinner

17:30-21:00

Cluster athletics

21:00

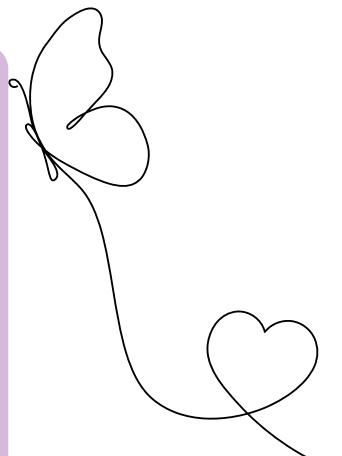
Shuttles

## WHAT TO BRING:

- Reusable water bottle
- Change of clothes
- Sunhat
- Sunblock

## WHERE TO MEET:

Victoria Hub



# FRIDAY

06 Feb



09:00-12:00

Social impact morning

12:00-13:00

Lunch

13:00-14:30

Self defence with Minerva



14:30-15:30

Vensters stage rehearsal

16:00-17:00

Vensters practice



17:00-19:30

Purple splash with harmonie

19:30-20:30

Butterfly bash X  
Memory night

21:00

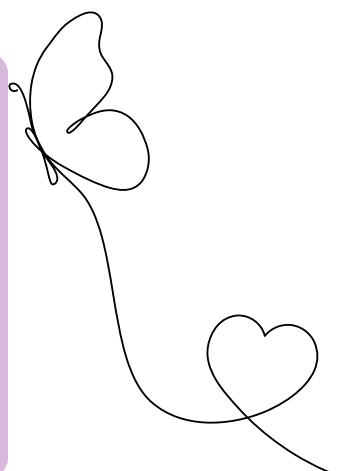
Shuttles

## WHAT TO BRING:

- Reusable water bottle
- white shirt
- Sunhat
- Sunblock

## WHERE TO MEET:

Victoria Hub



# SATURDAY

07 Feb

08:30-09:30

Yoga with  
Nemesia & Sonop



10:00-12:00

Vensters  
runthrough

12:00-13:00

Lunch



13:00-14:00

GRWM vensters  
edition

14:00-23:00

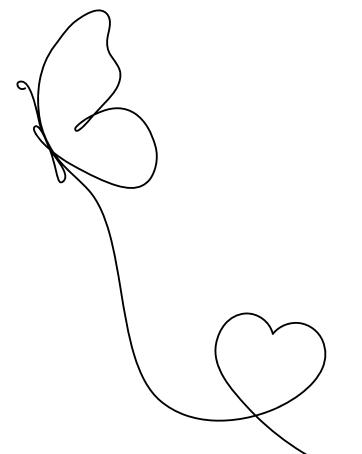
VENSTERS

## WHAT TO BRING:

- Reusable water bottle
- Painted shirt
- Sunhat
- Sunblock

## WHERE TO MEET:

Victoria Hub



# MERCH

**MINT VISOR**

**102**



**TOTE BAG**

**115**



**GRAY T-SHIRT**

**205**



**WHITE T-SHIRT**

**170**

## Merch Packages

**Option 1 R641**

2 T-shirts  
Visor  
Tote bag

**Option 2 R415**

White T-shirt  
Visor  
Tote bag

**Option 3 R440**

Grey T-shirt  
Visor  
Tote bag

**Option 4 R305**

White T-shirt  
Visor

**Option 5 R335**

Grey T-shirt  
Visor

# Food Packages

An option of Silene-provided food packages will be made available to newcomers, inclusive of 11 lunches, and 1 dinners on selected days. We are eager to heed to dietary requirements where possible.

**R450-500**



## COB

### 1. Know How to Book Meals in a Res – Even If You Don't Live in One!

Yes, you can book meals in a Residence even if you don't stay there. Here's how it works:

1. Use the meal booking system found on SunLearn. Stellenbosch has a system that lets students book meals within the Res in their specific cluster.

For example:

If you're in the Victoria Cluster, you'll have access to Residences like Harmonie, Monica, and Wilgenhof.

### 3. Make Sure You Have a Meal Quota

You need money loaded on your student card for meals.

To do this:

- Go to the Meal Quota section (it's in the menu).
- Increase your meal quota by loading money onto your student number/student card.

### 2. Go to MySunMenu

- Navigate to Accommodation
- Then Meal Booking
- Sign in using your Stellenbosch credentials

### 4. Book Your Meal

Once your quota is topped up:

- Go to Book Meal
- The system automatically shows Residences' in your cluster only, so you won't get confused.
- Select the RIS where you want to eat (e.g., Harmonie, Monica, Wigenhof).
  - Choose a time slot.
  - Pick your meal option.
  - Confirm.

If it's successful, you'll get a notification.

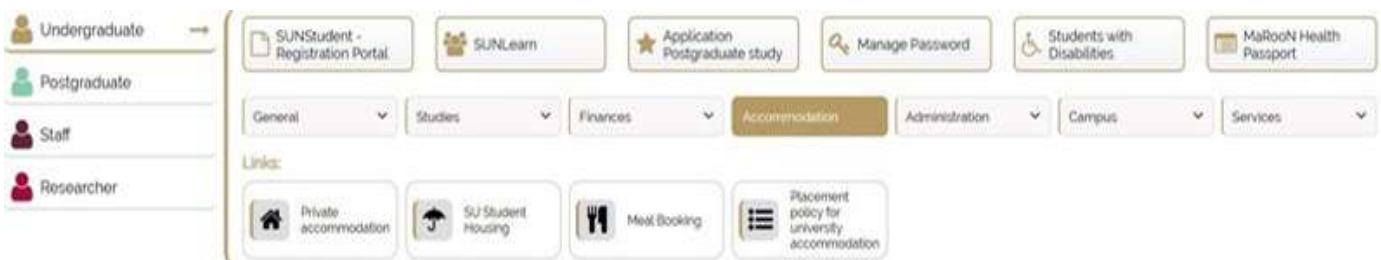
### 5. Go Eat

Just show up at the Res you booked, at your time slot, and enjoy your meal.



## HOW-TO GUIDE FOR CSC STUDENTS TO REGISTER THEIR STUDENT CARDS TO BOOK MEALS IN OPEN DINING HALLS IN CLUSTERS AND CHANGE THEIR COB RATIO/PERCENTAGE (PAY-AS-YOU-GO SYSTEM)

- Access the MySun portal via the University's website.
- Click on Accommodation.



- Click on Meal Booking.
- Username & Password.
- Register. (Your card will only be activated at the dining hall door after you have had booked your first meal there)
- If the system doesn't allow you to book a meal, send an email to [cscu@sun.ac.za](mailto:cscu@sun.ac.za) to be allocated to your cluster on the system. (Initials, surname and student number)

**Funds** must be **available** in the student account before meal bookings can be done.

### Methods to pay funds into student account:

Do a card payment online via the University's website (Fees, Payment by third party);  
**OR** make a payment into your meal account at the cashiers in the Admin A Building;  
**OR** use SnapScan.

### Useful links:

Student fees online payments:

<https://www.sun.ac.za/en/apply/undergrad/fees/payment-options-and-methods-payment>

### How to change your COB ratio/percentage:

- Send an e-mail request to [lab@sun.ac.za](mailto:lab@sun.ac.za) (Initials, surname and student number)

### How to be allocated to a Halaal dining hall if not available in your cluster:

- Send an e-mail request to lab@sun.ac.za (Initials, surname and student number)

#### **Dining Hall Access Enquiries:**

- Send an e-mail request to lab@sun.ac.za (Initials, surname and student number)

#### **General COB and Meal Account Enquiries:**

- Meal Account, uploading of quota against student account and COB Queries at Student Fees department, Admin A: Email: tyholweni@sun.ac.za (Initials, surname and student number)

#### **OPEN DINING HALLS PER CLUSTER:**

CLUSTER	DINING HALL	HALAAL
amaMaties	Tinie Louw	No
Rubix	Heemstede	No
Victoria	<b>Harmonie</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Monica</b>	<b>Yes</b>
VicMeyr	Huis ten Bosch	No
Validus	Simonsberg	No
	<b>Goldfields</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Wimbledon	<b>Irene</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	Eendrag	No
	Helshoogte	No

# Helpful Links

Click on the underlined headings below to go to the web page.

## MATIES BIKE



## GONOW SCOOTER



## CAMPUS MAP



## SHUTTLE SERVICE



## SILENE'S INSTAGRAM

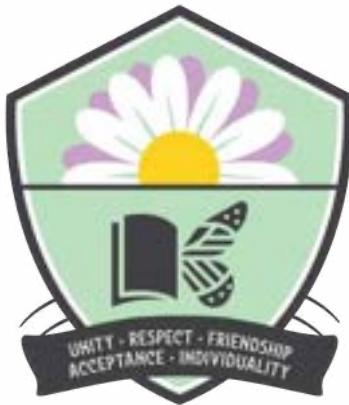


2026 SILENE  
NEWCOMERS  
WHATSAPP GROUP



## UNIVERSITY WELCOMING PAGE





# Silene CSC

## Social Media and Fair Usage Consent Form 2025/26

Silene CSC makes use of media, such as text content, photos, and videos on our various platforms. This is done to promote the house and allows for our members to see and virtually connect with the rest of their community. By signing this form, you consent to the creation, use, and distribution of any pictures, videos, and any other media forms that may include you or parts of your identity online or through affiliation.

By signing this form, you consent to the following:

1. Silene CSC is allowed to photograph or video you for use on social media, as well as (but not limited to): promotional posts, informative posts, celebratory posts, or through your participation in any Silene (or Silene related) event.
2. You allow Silene CSC to edit images in a curatorial capacity, so that they adhere to their designated purpose (see point 1.).
3. You authorize and grant Silene CSC permission to use videos in which you are identifiable, or feature in on our Instagram, Facebook, Website, Newsletter, WhatsApp, and any other social media platform Silene CSC makes use of.
4. You consent to the distribution and replication of you, or your likeness for the advertising and marketing of Silene CSC events, Silene CSC as a brand, and Silene CSC as a student organization within Stellenbosch University.
5. You have been informed and accept that the use of any media wherein you or your likeness features, will not result in monetary compensation (excluding competitions and giveaways).

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Name and Surname

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Date

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Signature

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](mailto: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):

MEAL PACKAGE COST: R450	CLOTHING PACKAGE 1 COST: R 641	CLOTHING PACKAGE 2 COST: R 415
CLOTHING PACKAGE 3 COST: R 641	CLOTHING PACKAGE 4 COST: R 641	CLOTHING PACKAGE 5 COST: R 641

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 carbonfootprint  
and join the Net Zero Carbon journey

## Water

- Waterrestrictions 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.
- Airdry 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.

## Get involved

- Join your community Green/ Sustainability Com.
- Follow: [@su.environmentalsust](https://www.instagram.com/su.environmentalsust/)

## Waste

- SU has a 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.

CLUSTER NEWCOMERS

# ATHLETICS DAY

COETZENBURG ATHLETICS

STADIUM

5 FEBRUARY 2026 17:30 - 20:30



PRESENTED BY THE CENTRE FOR  
STUDENT LIFE AND LEARNING AND  
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