



WELCOMING BOOKLET

2026

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WELCOME TO VENUSTIA

Venustia is one of the eleven Commuter Student Communities (CSC) at Stellenbosch University (SU), established in 2008. We are part of the Rubix Cluster.

A CSC is an organisational structure that supports students living in private accommodation while attending SU. As a CSC, we actively seek to assist newcomers in a smooth transition into the SU environment in a way that is fun and exciting. Our Community Motto, "Beauty Through Strength," is an indicator of what our core beliefs are, building strength in character.

We strive to create an environment for students to feel comfortable and safe enough to express themselves freely.

Venustia was founded on the values of respect, integrity, inclusivity, compassion, and equity. We aim to foster a space for each member to call their 'second home.' All members of Venustia take pride in being a 'Swan,' which is signified by the Crest of our House, which represents beauty and strength that shines from within.



MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

Venustia's Welcoming Programme is rooted in the belief that belonging begins when people feel truly seen and heard, not as a performance, but as a sincere act of care. We want every student to arrive and know that they matter, that their voice carries weight, and that they have a place in our community just as they are. Guided by the values of friendliness, unity, respect, diversity, and integrity, we strive to create a space where connection is authentic and inclusion is lived, not simply spoken. Through meaningful interaction, mentorship, and shared experiences, we aim to support students as they find their footing, discover their strengths, and begin their journey with confidence and purpose.

At the heart of our programme is a deep commitment to compassion and human dignity. We believe that true community grows when people listen to understand, not to respond, when kindness is genuine, and when respect is reflected in our everyday actions. We celebrate individuality while building unity, embracing the richness that each person brings to the Venustia and Stellenbosch family. Here, every voice is valued, every story is honoured, and every student is encouraged to grow into their fullest, truest self, surrounded by care, belonging, and a shared sense of home.



VALUES

RESPECT: Venustia seeks to be an all inclusive space that assists students in becoming engaged citizens with inquiring minds. Venustia aims at creating and maintaining a platform where students can explore their identities and world views in a safe and encouraging space, while also breaking down any subconscious biases.

INCLUSIVITY: Acting in a way that shows acceptance of others' presence and well-being. This also includes taking into account the values, opinions, rights, and personal actions of fellow Swans.

INTEGRITY: Venustia believes that integrity means to actively incorporate and value the ideas, identities, and beliefs that every member has established for themselves. We seek to offer a platform that promotes equality and equity in a sustainable and fluid way.

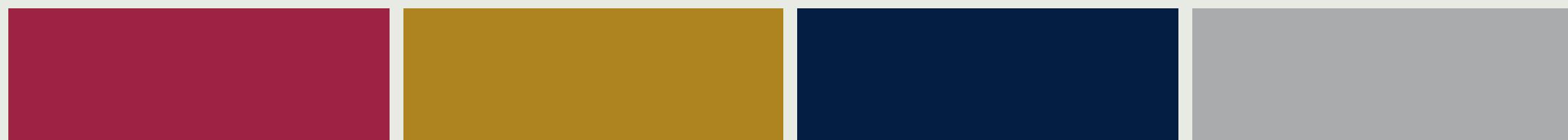


COMPASSION: "Beauty Through Strength" means that in order for our community to feel strength in its unity, our members need to feel heard. Our value of compassion is actively trying to understand one another's pain and triumphs. Having compassion for one another is what allows us to embody our motto.

EQUITY: Recognising the areas in your sense of self and identity that need developing. This is accomplished by providing members with the platforms and equal opportunities they need to achieve their own definition of personal development and strength and character.



OUR IDENTITY



VENUSTIA

The name Venustia is derived from the Latin word venus, meaning “beauty” or “grace.” We at Venustia CSC bring this meaning to life through our motto: Beauty Through Strength. This powerful phrase captures the core of our identity , encouraging members to embrace both resilience and elegance in their personal growth and community interactions. The swan symbol, further reinforces these ideals as it embodies the graceful strength and poise that Venustia aims to nurture in all our members.

BEAUTY THROUGH STRENGTH



Venustia is proudly affiliated with the Rubix Cluster at Stellenbosch University. This cluster includes both CSCs and residences such as Heemstede, Metanoia, and Nerine, as well as Venustia's sibling CSC, Pieke. The Rubix Cluster is known for fostering close-knit relationships and a strong sense of community, while also being one of the few clusters that does not include a male-only residence. As part of Rubix, Venustia collaborates across these groups to broaden horizons and build meaningful connections through shared events and initiatives.

WHAT WE OFFER

CULTURE:

- Molassesêr (musical)
- Acapella
- Debating
- Palesa Festival (theatre)
- Culture Evenings



SPORT:

- Netball
- Hockey

DANCES:

- Venustia House Dance
- Venustia House Funds Dance
- Newcomers Dance



LEADERSHIP:

- Leadership Development
- House Committee
- Mentor
- Swan Committee
- First Years Committee
- House Disciplinary Committee

OTHER:

- Business Week
- Critical Engagement Podcasts
- Venustia Week
- Derby Week
- Seniors Week
- Breast Cancer Awareness Week
- Valentines' Day Market
- Swan Dineé

LETTER FROM THE PRIMARIA

Helloooo future Swans!!

Welcome to Venustia, a community built on a simple but powerful belief; that beauty and strength are not opposites. They come from the same place, and that place is YOU!

I am Cristen Koegelenberg and this year I have the absolute privilege of serving as your Primaria. Before anything else, I want you to know that your presence already adds something to our community that didn't exist before.

"Beauty through strength" isn't just something we print on our merch or shout at events. It is something we live. It means that every person, with their own story, background, personality and goals brings a different kind of beauty. The kind that shows up in your resilience, your courage and the way that you move through the world. All of those forms of beauty together is where our strength as a community comes from.

The first day of university might feel a bit daunting at times, but strength doesn't mean having it all figured out. It means showing up, choosing growth and allowing yourself to be seen, supported and shaped by those around you. Venustia is a community held together by people. People who care deeply, who show up regardless and who make space. And you are now part of that story, adding your own colour to it.

This is a space where your individuality is not a barrier, but an offering. It makes Venustia richer, fuller and more alive and for that we cannot be more grateful!

Over the next year, you will learn a lot about yourself. You will meet people who challenge you, some who inspire you and others who will encourage you. It is in those moments that you will see that beauty comes from becoming stronger and strength comes from embracing your own beauty.

I am counting down the days until I get to meet you, learn from you and watch you become the heart of Venustia.

With all my love,

Cristen Koegelenberg
Primaria of Venustia
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CRISTEN
KOEGELENBERG

LETTER FROM THE VICE- PRIMARIA

Hello gorgeous!

Welcome to Venustia, pronounced (Va-nuu-sti-ah)!

Venustia is a commuter student community that grows with you, celebrates you, and roots for you.

We can't wait to meet you and finally put faces to the names we've been so excited about. At the core of Venustia is love, growth, and genuine connection, and we hope you feel that from the moment you walk in.

It's completely normal to have many questions or feel that mix of excitement and nerves. Just know this: you're not doing any of it alone. Alongside Cristen our Prim, our incredible House Committee, the Mentors, and the Swan Committee, we're here to make sure your years in this university are unforgettable and that you are supported throughout it all.

Even though we don't share a physical residence, we're intentional about creating a "home away from home", a space where you can grow, belong, and build real connections.

As your Vice-Prim and Welcoming Leader, I can promise good memories, plenty of laughs, and a sisterhood that only gets stronger with time. Being a newcomer is the beginning of a beautiful journey, and we're honoured to be a part of it.

Here's to new friendships, fresh beginnings and so much Venustia Vibes!

With much love,
Agapé Ledimo



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LEDIMO

LETTER FROM THE HEAD MENTOR

HEY YA FUTURE SWANS!!

Firstly, I'd like to congratulate you on your acceptance to this fine institution and applaud you on all the hard work that led you to this moment.

I am Kgotatso Gaotingwe and I have been bestowed with the honour and pleasure to select and prepare some of your first friends on campus, the MENTORS!! Venustia mentors are prepped and equipped to show you the ropes of how things operate in Stellenbosch.

Stellenbosch is a culture-rich, expansive town with many features that easily set it apart from many others. While most values and traditions here are inter-linked, everyone needs a place they can call their home, a place that they resonate with more than others, with values that are more distinctive than the rest, that for us (me and you) is Venustia, a place where you will be respected, included, seen and cherished by your peers and those that come before and after you.

our arrival to this institution will begin with a warm welcoming from myself, the Venustia leadership team including your mentors and a smaller group of newcomers, such as yourself, that you will spend most of your orientation days with, which will be jam packed with socials, connection and joy.

Be prepared for a blast of a time. Get loads of rest, bring lots of water and come ready to mingle, because we're all waiting for you and cannot wait to meet you <3 !

Warmly
KG xx



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GAOTINGWE**

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The house committee (HC) represents the entirety of Venustia. They must run for HC, and are then elected by the members of Venustia, during caucus/election week.

This committee is expected to uphold the House Values and the university and the Venustia rules and regulations. Every House Committee member, barring the Primaria and Vice-Primaria, will be assigned several specific portfolios which they are expected to work on to the best of their ability.

The HC are the people behind all the events that Venustia has, as they are there to plan and execute everything from welcoming to house dance.



MEET THE TEAM

Cristen Koegelenberg



Primaria

Agapé Ledimo



Vice-Primaria

Kgopotso Gaotengwe



Head Mentor

Abbygail Libbenberg



Financial Manager | Sport

Bianca Coetzee



Secretary

Zaarah Antulay



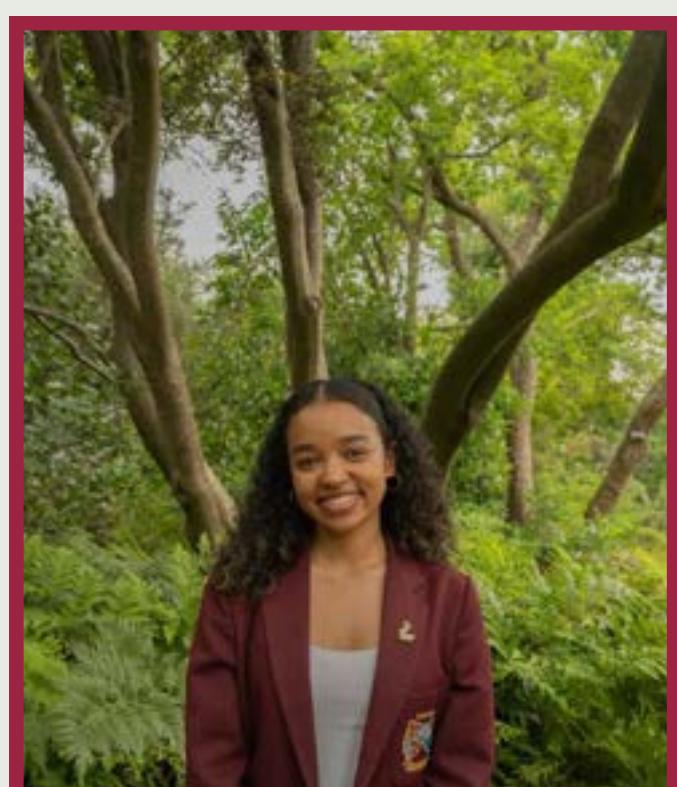
Social Media | Branding

Lize De Klerk



Culture | Cluster

Jada Rhode



Social Impact | Seniors

Christi Olivier



Critical Engagement | Sustainability

MENTORS

Our Mentors are committed to assisting you in achieving your goals and guiding you through your initial year of university. Their primary objective is to facilitate a smooth transition for Newcomers into university life. Recognizing the potential stress associated with the early stages of university, the Mentors are available to offer advice, provide assistance, and simply lend a supportive ear. Newcomers will be introduced to their Mentors on the first day of the Welcoming event. Subsequently, the Mentors will establish a WhatsApp group to keep Newcomers informed with updates.

Throughout the Welcoming period, Mentors will lead sessions aimed at exploring wellness spheres and fostering individual growth. These sessions will also serve as a platform for Newcomers to acquaint themselves with each other and their Mentors. Venustia has carefully selected 16 Mentors for the year 2026, and they are eagerly looking forward to meeting you!



MEET THE TEAM



Amber Adams



Anke Niemand



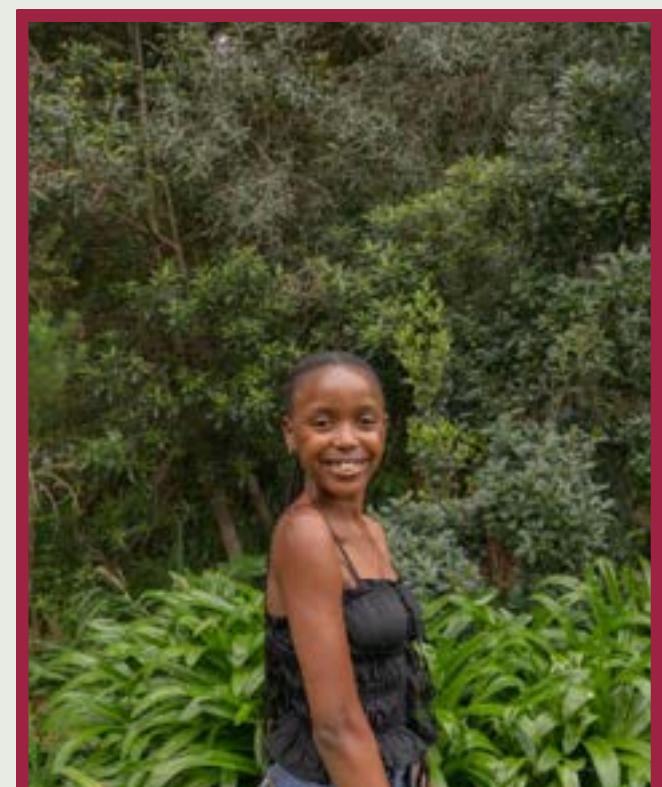
Daniela Afonso



Gemma Nicholas



Gomolemo Monageng



Jamela Shikwambana



Jenna Davidse



Kevine Tshiabuila



Kiki Kgadima

MEET THE TEAM



Lethabo Ntshangase



Makanaka Maburutse



Makanaka Magazo



Michaela Smith



Noela Ngalula



Nokwanda Shongwe



Noluthando Hlela

SWAN COMMITTEE

Our seniors committee, or as we like to call them, our Swan Com, are the worker bees of our community.

They've got wisdom and good vibes, what more do you need? This group of Swans includes students studying in 2nd year and above and they aim to share what they've learnt over the years with our newcomers. They also host lots of fun events during the year and put in lots of effort to help the smooth sailing of Welcoming.

The Team:

- Erika Spangenberg
- Celmari Stofberg
- Kamogelo Bahula
- Caitlin Rhoode
- Thara Allie
- Layla Damon
- Thandeka Shuping
- Tyler-Leigh Ross
- Jada Devine
- Regomoditswe Kgatleng
- Rehana Mullins
- Amber Ganz
- Imke Pienaar
- Shreya Moodley
- Anelisa Zuma



WORD FROM THE CSCU

Dear Venustia Newcomer

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

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 Venustia 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 VenustiaCommunity, 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. Venustia is a values-driven community, and these values guide everything we do. Being part of Venustia 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, Venustiaoffers 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. Venustia will help you become a well-rounded graduate, ready to thrive in an ever-changing world. We look forward to welcoming you into the Venustia community with open arms.

Warm regards,
Commuter Student Communities Unit



WORD FROM THE CLUSTER CONVENOR

Dear Newcomer,

Congratulations on your acceptance into Stellenbosch University, and welcome to RUBIX — a cluster known for its warmth, unity, and unmistakable sense of community.

Rubix brings together five diverse student communities — Heemstede, Metanoia, Nerina, Pieke, and Venustia — creating a space where you can feel supported from day one. Here, you'll find people who encourage you, challenge you, and walk with you as you find your place at Stellenbosch. It's a community where you can show up as yourself, grow confidently, and build connections that truly matter.

What makes Rubix special is the energy our students bring into every space — the willingness to show up, support one another, and create experiences that make this cluster feel like a second home. You'll quickly realise that Rubix is more than just a name; it's a feeling, a community, and a collective spirit you'll become part of.

As your Cluster Convenor, I'll be working alongside a dedicated and passionate team of student leaders who are just as excited as I am to welcome you into this community. Together, we're committed to creating spaces where you feel included, supported, and inspired throughout your journey at Stellenbosch.

Welcome to Stellenbosch. Welcome to Rubix.
We are Rubix.

Warm regards,
Cameron Fisher
Rubix Cluster Convenor



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WORD FROM THE PRIM COMMITTEE

Welcome Home, Swans!

To the exceptional individuals we proudly call Swans, it is with immense excitement and heartfelt pride that I extend the warmest possible welcome as you officially join the Stellenbosch University (SU) family! Your journey to this moment is a testament to your hard work and brilliance, and we are absolutely delighted to have you.

As you stand on the threshold of this incredible new phase, you might be thinking about the degrees, the grades, and the accolades that lie ahead. These are important, yes, but I encourage you to set your sights higher. True fulfilment isn't found just in certificates hanging on a wall, but in the profound personal growth and self-discovery this unique environment offers. Initially, stepping onto the Stellenbosch campus was a daunting experience, filled with mixed emotions. By committing to pushing past my comfort zone, however, I soon uncovered the rich tapestry of opportunities Stellenbosch provides. This deliberate embrace of the unfamiliar fundamentally broadened my outlook and accelerated my growth. I genuinely hope you will all take that same courageous step outside your established boundaries and gain the rewards that follow.

Your university career is a holistic adventure, extending far past the limits of any lecture hall. Stellenbosch is a unique platform for deep growth (academically, socially, and personally). To make the most of this opportunity, embrace these core principles:

- Be Brave and Vulnerable, recognizing that true courage lies in seeking help and asking questions.
- Be Curious and Open, fully engaging with the world-class education and diverse community around you.
- Be Authentic, claiming this time to define your own powerful narrative without letting others' expectations dictate who you become.

Remember, the ultimate achievement of your time here is not just a degree, but a character forged in confidence and purpose.

You are now an essential part of the SWAN community and the Maties legacy. This collective thrives on mutual support and shared aspirations. We are your dedicated village, committed to cheering your triumphs and helping you through challenges, and we ask that you contribute as an active, compassionate, and engaged member. Let our core values of excellence, compassion, accountability, respect and equity guide every choice you make. We are eager to see the brilliance and impact you will bring. Dive in, seize every opportunity, and truly enjoy the process of becoming.

Welcome home, Swans! The best is truly ahead.

Arnold Ntumvi-Nguti
Prim Committee Chairperson (On behalf of the Prim Committee)



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CONNECT WITH US

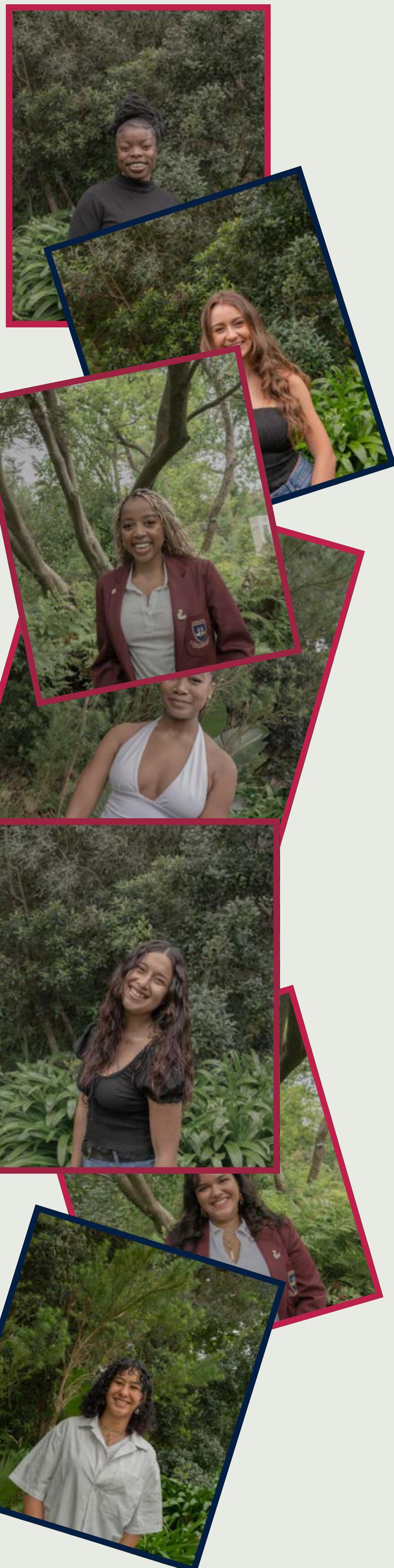
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PRE-ARRIVAL

On our social media platforms, as seen on the previous page, we will be having a pre-arrival programme. This is a virtual programme of social media posts, across our various platforms, that serve as a way to get you informed and ready for welcoming and the transition into SU.

We will be posting videos about getting to know our team, a raffle, a campus tour, and so much more! So ensure that you are tuned into the amazing content we have lined up for you!

19 JAN 2026

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10:00

- VENUSTIA: WHO & WHAT?

12:00 & 18:00

- MENTORS

20 JAN 2026

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10:00

- INTERACTIVE SU MAP

12:00

- FACULTIES

17:00

- CAMPUS TOUR

21 JAN 2026

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12:00

- HC

17:00

- WHERE'S VENUSTIA

19:00

- WELCOMING BOOKLET

22 JAN 2026

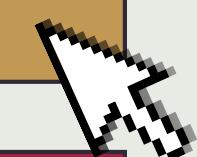
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10:00

- WHAT ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT?

12:00

- CLUSTER & RUBIX



23 JAN 2026

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12:00

- SWAN COM

17:00

- SHUTTLE SERVICE

24 JAN 2026

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12:00

- ALL ABOUT WELCOMING

17:00

- NEELSIE

25 JAN 2026

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10:00

- RAFFLE

12:00

- QNA

HOUSE SONG

THROUGH STRENGTH AND BEAUTY
WE STRIVE TO SUCCEED

IN STELLENBOSCH WE PLANT OUR
DREAMS

IN VENUSTIA VIND ONS ONS HART
ONS HUIS

WITH VALUES WE BECOME OUR OWN
VENUSTIA, WE RESPECT

WITH COMPASSION AND INTEGRITY
WE DO OUR BEST

VENUSTIA HAND IN HAND

SIZOMA KUNYE SIMANYENE

VENUSTIA VENUSTIA

BEAUTY THROUGH STRENGTH
VENUSTIA!!!!



WELCOMING



The purpose of the welcoming programme in Venustia is to ensure that we are the helping hand when it comes to the newcomers' transition into Stellenbosch University and its campus culture.

Venustia leadership will facilitate offerings that will allow for the newcomers to be their authentic selves whilst networking with people from different backgrounds and beliefs.

Furthermore, the purpose of the welcoming programme is to facilitate offerings that will ensure that people respect one another and their different backgrounds.

It is also the time and place where newcomers will make their first friends at SU, with these friendships often being the strongest ones they form, and where they will create memories that they will cherish and remember for the rest of their lives.



CONNECT

OUR CONNECT PARTNERS FOR 2026 IS SIMONSBERG RESIDENCE AND MEERHOFF RESIDENCE

Our united name, Simeerstia, symbolises the partnership and harmony that will develop throughout the course of our collaboration.

Together, we will be part of the eagerly anticipated "Vensters" production. You all have an incredible opportunity to join in the celebration of beginning your new journey at Stellenbosch University.



Expect a Vensters unlike any other, full of inventiveness, imaginative narratives, and original dances, as we take you on a journey through the rich culture of our stunning nation, where every moment is unique.

This year's theme is "A Carnival of Dreams," and we are so excited for you to get started.

TIME LINE | 26/01

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
09:00	Registration.	Jan Mouton
10:00	Welcoming presentation.	Jan Mouton
11:00	Refreshment break.	Jan Mouton
11:45	Walk back to the Venustia House (HC House).	—
12:00	Lunch.	Heemstede
13:00	Mentor session and competition.	HC House
13:45	Venustia vibes session.	HC House
14:30	Swan Ceremony.	HC House
16:30	Day ends.	HC House
18:00	Law faculty programme.	Old Main Building
20:15	Cluster law social.	TBC

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
26	27	28	29	30

TIME LINE | 27/01

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
08:00	Optional Activity (OA Club), student card assistance.	HC House
09:00	Additional registration time and mentor rundown.	HC House
10:30	MyBrew talk.	HC House
11:00	Let's talk.	HC House
12:00	Lunch.	Heemstede
13:30	Maties Ballroom.	HC House
15:00	Swan Quest.	HC House
17:00	Community social with Silene CSC.	HC House
19:00	Day ends.	HC House

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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TIME LINE | 28/01

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
08:00	OA club.	HC House
09:00	Mentor morning.	HC House
10:30	Venustia vibes session.	HC House
11:00	Venustia culture show.	HC House
12:00	Bracelet making and newcomers photos.	HC House
13:00	Lunch.	Heemstede
14:00	Maroon shirts handout and poster making.	HC House
15:30	Walk to Danie Craven.	—
17:00	Informal programme.	Danie Craven
17:30	Formal programme.	Danie Craven
18:15	Meet for 2026 photo.	Danie Craven
19:00	Walk back to Venustia and dinner packages.	HC House
20:00	Walk to Dream Walk starting point.	—
20:00	DREAM WALK.	—
22:15	Day ends.	—

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TIME LINE | 29/01

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
08:00	Mentor run down.	HC House
08:30	Cluster day.	Rubix Grass
13:00	Lunch packages.	HC House
14:00	Faculty programme visits.	—
16:00	Community social with Capri CSC.	HC House
18:30	Rest for new social and shuttles.	HC House
19:00	Community social with Erica Residence and Heemstede Residence.	HC House
20:15	Day ends.	HC House

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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TIME LINE | 30/01

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
07:00	MyBrew and mentor rundown.	HC House
07:45	Walk to academic programmes.	—
08:00	Academic programmes.	—
12:00	Meet back at the HC house and walk to Coetzenburg.	HC House
12:45	Lunch packages.	Coetzenburg
13:00	Welcoming fair.	Coetzenburg B & C fields
14:45	Theatre production.	Coetzenburg Centre.
16:30	Pool Party.	Maties Sport Swimming Pool (Outside)
18:00	Walk back to Venustia and dinner.	HC House
19:00	Cluster community chill time.	Nerina Quad
20:30	Day ends.	—

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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TIME LINE | 2/o2

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
08:00	MyBrew and mentor run down.	HC House
08:45	Walk to academic programmes.	—
09:00	Academic Programmes.	—
12:30	Lunch packages.	HC House
13:30	Academic programmes.	—
16:30	Community social with Heemstede Residence.	HC House
18:00	Day ends.	HC House

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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TIME LINE | 3/o2

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
08:00	MyBrew and mentor rundown.	HC House
08:45	Walk to Academic Programmes.	—
09:00	Academic Programmes.	—
12:30	Lunch packages.	HC House
13:30	Academic Programmes.	—
15:30	Connect practice.	HC House
17:00	Let's talk: safety chat.	HC House
19:00	Tour the nightlife.	TBC
22:00	Day ends.	—

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TIME LINE | 4/02

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
08:00	MyBrew and mentor rundown.	HC House
08:45	Walk to academic programmes.	—
09:00	Academic programmes.	—
12:30	Lunch.	Heemstede
13:30	Community social with Lydia Residence.	HC House
15:30	Venustia fair.	HC House
17:00	Dinner packages.	HC House
18:00	Connect practice.	HC House
19:00	Day ends.	HC House

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TIME LINE | 5/02

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
08:00	OA club.	HC House
09:00	Mentor rundown.	HC House
09:30	SRC Roadshow.	HC House
10:00	Let's talk!	HC House
11:30	Die Matie Roadshow.	HC House
12:00	Lunch.	Heemstede
13:00	Connect practice.	HC House
14:45	Walk to Jan Marais Park.	—
15:00	Snack packages and community social with Nerina Residence.	Jan Marais Park
16:00	Walk to Coetzenburg.	—
17:30	Cluster newcomers' athletics meeting.	Coetzenburg
21:00	Day ends.	—

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TIME LINE | 6/o2

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
08:00	OA Club.	HC House
09:00	Social Impact morning with Majuba Residence.	Jan Marais Park
12:00	Lunch.	Heemstede
13:00	Quiz game.	HC House
14:00	Connect practice.	HC House
16:00	Connect dress rehearsal.	Coetzenburg
17:00	Dinner packages.	HC House
18:00	Connect practice.	HC House
22:00	Day ends.	—

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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TIME LINE | 7/02

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
08:00	OA Club	HC House
09:00	Mentor rundown.	HC House
09:30	Information systems session.	TBC
11:00	Connect preparations: T-shirts, and final rehearsals.	HC House
13:00	Lunch packages.	HC House
14:00	Final connect practice.	HC House
16:00	Connect.	Coetzenburg.
23:00	Day ends.	—

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
5	6	7	8	9

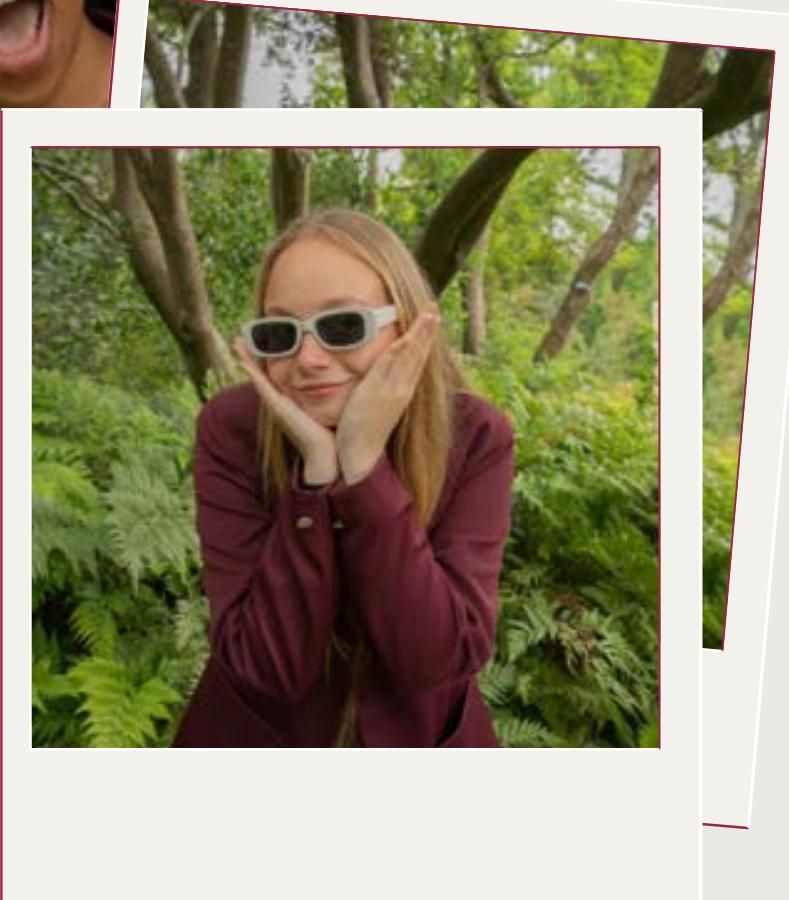
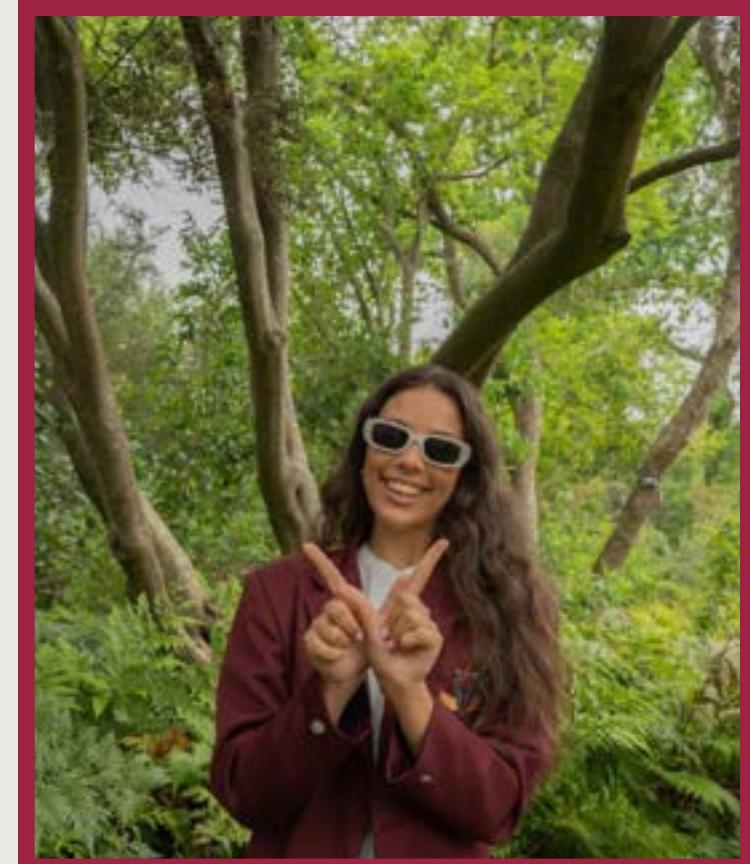
WHAT TO BRING

- Plain white shirts, as we will be painting over these for Connect.
- Comfortable clothing, something light and loose, as Stellenbosch summers are HOT.
- Comfortable shoes that you will be able to walk a lot in.
- Sunglasses.
- Water bottle.
- A hat.
- Sunblock.
- Hand Sanitiser.
- A bag, whether it is a tote or a backpack.
- Pens and a notebook for your academic programmes.
- Swimming Costume.
- Towel.



BUCKET LIST

- Swimming in the dam.
- Botanical Garden picnic.
- Hike up Coetzenberg.
- 2am study session in the Jan Mouton
- Stay in the Library until closing song
- Klein Saterdag
- House Funds Dance
- Going to class in another faculty
- Eat & people watch on the rooiplein
- Catch an event in the Neelsie
- Route44 Market
- House Dance
- Coffee at MyBrew
- Varsity Cup
- Pizza @ Ginos
- Go thrift shopping
- Sundowners or sunrise/sunset @ Coetzenburg



STELLIES SLANG

Term	DEFINITION
BIB	Short for “biblioteek,” which is the library.
FIRGA	The computer lab for Engineering students, in the Engineering Building.
FHARGA	The computer lab for EMS students, on the top floor of the Neelsie.
HUMARGA	The computer lab for Arts and Social Science and Education students, on the 3 rd floor of the BA building.
NARGA	The computer lab for Science students, and there are several scattered across campus.
NEELSIE	Our student Center, where you can grab something to eat, study, and even watch a show.
GEES	The Afrikaans word for “hype” or “spirit.”
HC/HK	The House Committee — the elected leaders of a CSC or Residence.
KLEIN SATERDAG	A common nickname for Wednesday, around here.
KUIER	A word for a social opportunity.
ROOIPLEIN	The red brick area above the bib & outside the neelsie.
SECOND OPP	“Second Opportunity.”
TUT	“Tutorial,” which are smaller, focused classes.
RUBIX GRASS	The grass behind the HC house, from Heemstede to Nerina.

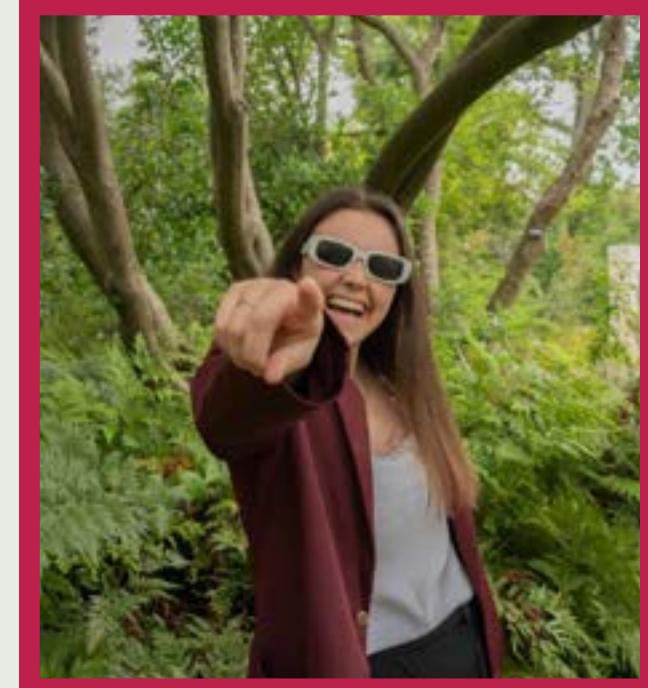
STELLIES SLANG

Term	DEFINITION
NEWCOMER	A student in their first year of studies.
CLUSTER	A few CSCs and Residences cluster together to form a larger community to allow for a vaster interaction and experience of university culture within a more diverse group of people. Venustia is part of the Rubix Cluster which includes Pieke, Heemstede, Metanoia and Nerina.
CONNECT/ VENSTERS	Connect is one of the exciting welcoming week events which you should look forward to! It is a series of performances involving acting and dancing that each CSC and Residence's newcomers take part in. This year we are partnered with Simonsberg and Meerhoff.
PRED	Short for 'predicate mark. It refers to the mark that you have achieved throughout the year before writing your exams. In certain subjects, you need to achieve predicate in order to be allowed to write your exams. It is calculated differently depending on the faculty.
SS	An abbreviation for 'Study Centre' which is a quiet place where you can study, located in the JC Smuts building.
SWAN	The Swan is Venustia's symbol, hence why we refer to fellow members of Venustia as 'Swans.'
WELCOMING/ O-WEEK	This is the period during which the newcomers are welcomed to Stellenbosch University by their respective CSC or Residence.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

CAMPUS:

- Campus Security: 021 808 2333
- Campus Security WhatsApp: 082 808 2333
- Police Station: 021809 5000 / 10111
- Ambulance: 10177 / 999
- Fire Department: 021808 8888
- 24 Locksmith: 087550 3161 US
- Crisis Service: 082 557 0880
- Thuthuzela Care Centre
(24-hour crisis response): 063 238 4280



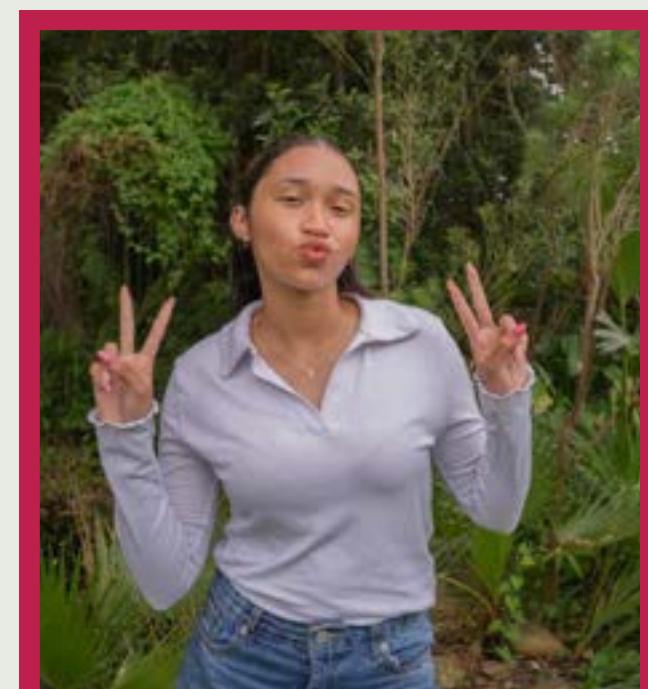
MEDICAL SERVICES:

- Campus Health: 021 808 3496 / 021 808 3494
- General CSCD: 021 808 4994

(Centre for Student Counselling and Development)

24 Hour CSCD Crisis Line: 021 557 0880

- Stellenbosch Provincial Hospital: 021 808 6100
- Stellenbosch MediClinic: 021 861 2000
- Medi-Clinic ER: 021 861 2094
- ER 24: 021 809 6500
- Stelkor Medicross: 021 887 0305
- Netcare Ambulance: 084 124





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 Venustia 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):

Select X	Category	Package	Price (R)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Merch Only	Merch Package 1: hat (visor/bucket hat) and tote bag	200
<input type="checkbox"/>	Merch Only	Merch Package 2: hat (visor/bucket hat), tote bag, water bottle, and cardholder	350
<input type="checkbox"/>	Merch Only	Merch Package 2: hat (visor/bucket hat), tote bag, water bottle, cardholder, and shirt	560
<input type="checkbox"/>	Food Only	Food Package	450
<input type="checkbox"/>	Combo Package	Merch 1 + Food	650
<input type="checkbox"/>	Combo Package	Merch 2 + Food	800
<input type="checkbox"/>	Combo Package	Merch 3 + Food	1010

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:



Desember 2025

Beste Voornemende Matie Student,

HEFFING VAN VERWELKOMINGSPAKKIE-KOSTES OP STUDENTEREKENING 2026

Welkom by jou Pendel Student Gemeenskap by Stellenbosch Universiteit! Aangesien jy nie in 'n US koshuis woonagtig is nie, is jy del van Venustia PSG (Pendel Studente Gemeenskap). Tydens die jaarlikse Verwelkomingsperiode neem gemeenskappe verantwoordelikheid om die eerstejaars op 'n verwelkomende wyse aan Stellenbosch Universiteit bloot te stel.

Aangesien die PSG's nie oor in eetsaal beskik waar studente maaltye kan geniet nie, (alhoewel daar reëlings getref word deur sommige PSG's om etes in die oop eetsale te geniet), word daar vir die eerstejaars "verwelkomingspakkies" saamgestel. Dit bestaan gewoonlik uit 'n sekere aantal maaltye, klerasie en soortgelyke items wat eie is aan die betrokke PSG. Tydens registrasie by die PSG op die eerste dag van Verwelkoming (Maandag 26ste Januarie 2026) het u die opsie om hierdie verwelkomingspakkies aan te skaf teen 'n vasgestelde bedrag (wat kan wissel van PSG tot PSG). Elke PSG bied ook verskillende opsies aan student (etes en klerasie / slegs etes / slegs klerasie).

Stellenbosch Universiteit maak gebruik van 'n kontantvrye sisteem wat studente in staat stel om die pakkies makliker te verkry. U, of u ouers of voog, gaan dus op die dag 'n erkenning van skuld moet teken sodat die klerasie, voedsel, ens vir die verwelkomingsperiode aan u beskikbaar gestel kan word. Na registrasie sal die koste dan teen betrokke studenterekening gehef word vir betaling saam met alle ander studentverwante uitgawes.

Neem asseblief kennis dat sodra u die vorm onderteken het, u aanspreeklik sal wees vir die koste van die verkose pakkie, ongeag of u al u etes geneem het en ongeag of u die klerasie nie meer wil hê of dra na die eerste paar dae nie.

Die verkryging van die "verwelkomingspakkies" is nie verpligtend nie, maar ons wil u tog aanmoedig om dit wel op te neem. Vind asseblief aangeheg die vorm vir u voltooiing. U is welkom om dit saam te bring volgende jaar.

Indien u enige vrae het, kontak ons gerus by escu@sun.ac.za



**TOESTEMMING: HEFFING VAN VERWELKOMINGPAKKIE OP STUDENTEREKENING 2026
BESONDERHEDE VAN STUDENT:**

NAAM EN VAN:

STUDENTENOMMER:

PSG:

KEUSE VAN VERWELKOMINGPAKKIE (MERK MET 'N X):

Kies X	Kategorie	Pakkie	Pryse(R)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Merch Only	Merch Package 1: hat (visor or bucket hat) and tote bag	200
<input type="checkbox"/>	Merch Only	Merch Package 2: hat (visor/ bucket hat) tote bag, water bottle, and cardholder	350
<input type="checkbox"/>	Merch Only	Merch Package 3: hat (visor or bucket hat), tote bag, water bottle, cardholder, 560 and shirt	560
<input type="checkbox"/>	Food Only	Food Package	450
<input type="checkbox"/>	Combo Package	Merch 1 + Food	650
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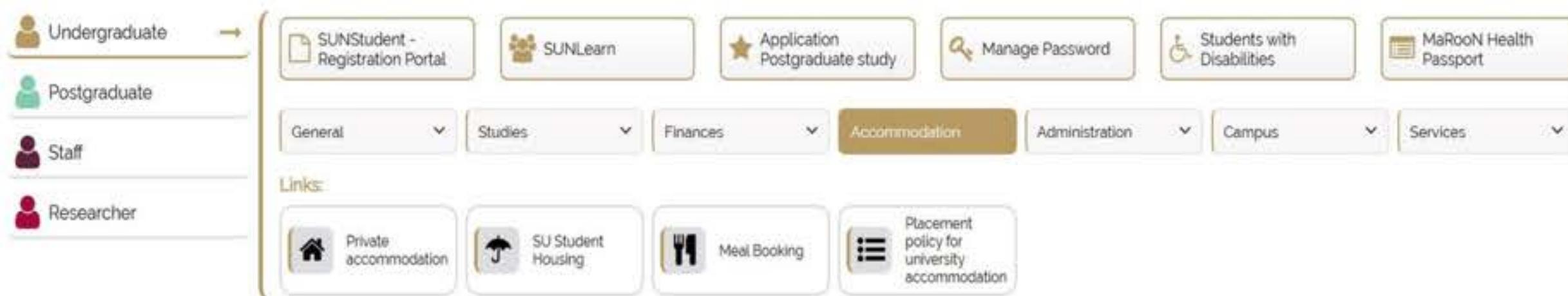
Deur die ondertekening van die vorm, verbind u uself skriftelik tot die volgende:

- Hiermee verleen ek toestemming dat die koste van die verwelkomingpakkie teen my studenterekening gehef mag word. Ek verstaan dat ek nie verplig is om die verwelkomingpakkie aan te skaf nie.
- Ek besef dat as ek die vorm teken, ek die kostes moet betaal en dat ek nie gelde terug sal kan ontvang nie!



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 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 (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: tyholwena@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	Harmonie	Yes
	Monica	Yes
VicMeyr	Huis ten Bosch	No
Validus	Simonsberg	No
	Goldfields	Yes
Wimbledon	Irene	Yes
	Eendrag	No
	Helshoogte	No

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.

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.environmentalsust

CLUSTER NEWCOMERS

ATHLETICS DAY

COETZENBURG ATHLETICS
STADIUM

5 FEBRUARY 2026 17:30 - 20:30



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STUDENT LIFE AND LEARNING AND
MATIES SPORT





WE CANNOT WAIT TO
MEET YOU ALL

