



2026
VESTA
WELCOMING
BOOKLET



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WHAT IS VESTA?

Vesta is a Commuter Student Community (CSC) at Stellenbosch University, one of 11 such communities. A CSC is a student-led community that aims to integrate students who commute to campus every day within the wider Stellenbosch.

CSCs do *not* provide accommodation. For information on finding private accommodation, please consult the following link: <https://www.su.ac.za/en/apply/undergrad/accommodation/private-accommodation>

Vesta was established in 2008, and since then the community has evolved into a vibrant, welcoming, and fun-loving space for all our members.

We aim to be an empowering community, facilitating the difficult transition of newcomers into university and adult life by always being a visible, friendly, and helpful presence on campus.

We welcome you, and are excited to meet and get to know each of you in 2026!



OUR VALUES

Vesta is a values-driven community, and all decisions made by the house or its leadership are guided by our three values.

Chivalry

Chivalry originates from the code of honour adhered to by knights at war in the 11th and 12th centuries.

Today at Vesta, we understand it to mean selflessness governed by the principle of putting the needs of others above one's own.

Loyalty

Loyalty is a two-way relationship in Vesta, beginning with the loyalty of the house and its leadership to its members. By always putting our members and their needs first, we hope to earn their loyalty to uphold and contribute to the house.

Respect

Respect is the foundation upon which our other values are built. We strive to create a space that honours and celebrates the individuality and humanity of all people, ensuring that anyone can find a home in Vesta.

WHAT VESTA OFFERS



SPORT

Vesta is a dynamic epicentre of sport on campus with Phoenixes rising from the rugby field to the gaming console. In 2025, our Football team reached the semi-finals of their league, and our Basketball team placed second, showcasing the grit and skill of our Vestonians. Collaboration lies at the heart of our sporting culture, with established partnerships such as Eendrag Rugby and Oude Molen Hockey allowing our teams to compete at the top level of the game. Our packed calendar includes events like Wimbledon Cluster Athletics, combined cluster sport teams, and even “kaas-en-wyn” experiences for the social sport enthusiasts. Whether you’re a casual player or an ardent competitor, Vesta has a place for you in the sport arena.

CULTURE

Vesta's Culture portfolio brings fun, creativity, and togetherness to life! From themed events to interactive activities, there's something for everyone in our community to enjoy and take part in. It's all about celebrating who we are and creating unforgettable experiences. We'll hold talent shows, and participate in university culture events, including, but not limited to:

- Molasseser (Dance, music, drama)
- Palesa (Theatre)
- SU Acapella (Singing)



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Included in Vesta is a number of incredible opportunities for student leadership. The community is comprised of a number of leadership bodies, including but not limited to:

- The House Committee (HC)
- The Mentors
- The Seniors' Committee (SK)
- The First Years' Committee (EK)



At Vesta, and Stellenbosch University, we have a unique passion for developing the leadership skills of our students. If you are interested in leadership, even if it is something you have not done before, or if you are passionate about improving and shaping your community, these leadership bodies each have their own large impact on Vesta. Applications are requested each year.

WHAT VESTA OFFERS

SOCIAL IMPACT

Social impact in Vesta is all about extending ourselves for our immediate community. This year, there will be big changes to the Stellenbosch landscape as we will be working with our entire cluster (Cluster is introduced later in the booklet). Our ultimate goal is to use the resources and manpower to help our community in Stellenbosch. We will visit multiple institutions, such as schools, homeless shelters, and old age homes. Social Impact morning in Welcoming is the spark to start off the year of outreach, where every community at SU engages in outreach activities together in Stellenbosch.



ACADEMICS

Vesta CSC nurtures academic excellence by creating an environment where mentorship, support and guidance is at the order of the day. Through peer support sessions, mentorship systems, and collaboration with academic representatives across communities, Vestonians are equipped to excel under pressure while maintaining a healthy balance. Whether you're striving for distinctions or simply aiming to brave the stormy waters of your degree, Vesta offers the structure and support to help you rise academically.

OTHER

Beyond targeted events, Vesta also hosts a number of exciting social and other extracurricular events, such as:

- Vesta week
- Huisfondsdans
- Huidsans
- House meetings

Each event and offering is an incredible opportunity to reconnect with Vesta after Welcoming, and we are always strive to create more opportunities for those connections.





A Letter From Our Primarius

Jacques Souchon

BScHons Computer Science

Primarius, Policy, External Relations,

Leadership Development

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Dear Soon-To-Be Vestonians,

I'd like to be the first in Vesta to offer you a big **congratulations** on your admission to Stellenbosch University, and more so to tell you how **excited** we are to hear that you will be joining us in Vesta. I will be your Primarius for the coming year. I will be heading Vesta's leadership, the House Committee (HC).

I study computer science, and in my free time I like to make music, cycle, take long walks, and play video games. I am also passionate about leadership development, something Vesta offers in abundance.

2026 will be my fourth year in Vesta, and each year has brought many new experiences for me. I have learned as much in Vesta as I have in my studies. Whether through leadership, or just casual events, Vesta has shaped my university life for the better, and this the kind of experience that I strive to bring to each and every Vestonian.

Myself and the HC are super stoked to meet you during Welcoming, and we will always be available to you throughout the year. Personally, you'll usually find me working on the Neelsie deck, and you are always welcome to come and ask for help, or just to chat.

Canis lupis, vulpes vulpes.

A Letter From Our Vice-Primarius

Pieter Janse van Rensburg
BEng Mechanical Engineering III
Vice-Primarius, Safety,
Discipline, Internal Relations



Newcomers! Welcome! We're incredibly excited for you all to join us here at Stellenbosch and watch you forge your own paths. It's an honour to be a part of your journey and we can't wait to help you succeed and give you all you need to put your best foot forward.

My name is Pieter Janse van Rensburg, your Vice-Primarius for the 2025/2026 term. In 2026 I'll be a third year mechanical engineering student. I love to problem solve, and I love a good challenge, which is why I got involved in leadership in the first place. I love to hike or camp and love archery, currently as part of the Stellenbosch archery club.

As Vice-Prim it is my duty to keep our team running smoothly and assist our Prim with anything he needs. Along with that I handle safety for the community, so if you need any tips on keeping safe, or have any concerns, head straight to me. I'm always ready to help.

In Vesta, we aim to give you all the tools you need to thrive in your university career. We have a community dedicated to supporting its members, and if you need anything you just need to ask. Myself and the team are here to help.

You are at the start of a new chapter in your life, however cliché it may be. Seize every opportunity given and learn as much as you can. There is so much available here at Stellenbosch, and you're only just getting started.

I can't wait to start this journey and grow alongside you. See you at welcoming!

Phoenix rise!

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The House Committee (HC) is the elected administrative leadership of Vesta. The HC are a dedicated and intentional team, with each member passionate about improving Vesta, and Stellenbosch, for students. Each member holds targeted portfolios, and handle any and all events, offerings, and requests from Vestonians.



Evariste Nyembwe
BSc Computer Science III
Critical Engagement, Seniors' Committee, Welcoming Leader

Evariste from Vesta. I'm a guy who firmly believes in attitude being the difference maker and that's how I live life. Life is too short to have a bad attitude and sulk all day (thats how you get wrinkles quicker). Don't let the storm dictate how you feel, you know. Anyway enough of that, I am into music. I love all kinds of music and the different ways a person can interact with it whether it be dance, creating it with sick beats or just lying on grass and imagining being the main character of a rad movie. I study computer science, I do touch grass and it's honestly quite fun and keeps you on the edge of your seats on the daily. Well, that's me for now, see you soon.

The sun shines for you.

I am Dirk, a member of your House Committee for 2026. I am the "Naas one" (Naas Botha reference) of the HC, because I'll do whatever it takes to make sure Vesta stays competitive from the rugby field to eSports.

I am a hockey goalkeeper, law/accounting student, coffee lover (some would argue addict) and someone who believes that studying smart, training hard and supporting each other is how we rise as Phoenixes.

I look forward to meeting you, learning your names and helping you settle into Vesta.

Phoenix Rise



Dirk Hagen
BAccLLB II
Sport, Academics, Welcoming

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Hello Vestonians. I am Simon, your Head mentor and wellness HC member for 2026. I am here to help and guide you through your first year here at Stellenbosch. With many late nights studying and lots of time going to the beach with friends, I am someone who you can depend on when times get rough and to keep you company when you need a break. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

Simon van den Berg
BSc Molecular Biology and Biotechnology III
Head Mentor, Wellness, First Years' Committee, Leadership Development



I am a wisdom seeker and a passion pursuer. I am an eager learner and am always eager to improve. I keep active in different ways. I love boxing and martial arts. I enjoy my reading. I am passionate about my faith and love sharing it wherever I go. My goal is always to make an impact and that's exactly why I wanted the Social Impact portfolio for Vesta.

Josh Jansen
BA Humanities III
Social Impact, Wellness, Transport, Sustainability

Hello Vesta! I'm Rudy, the guy making sure your year looks good, sounds good, and feels good. Expect real style, real energy, and events you'll be talking about long after the year ends. I'm excited to help create memories that make Vesta feel like home. Can't wait to meet you all soon!

Rudy Kianda
BA Humanities III
Branding, Culture, Connect, Sponsors



HOUSE COMMITTEE



Liam Truter

BSc Molecular Biology and Biotechnology IV
Secretary, Cluster, House Dance

Hi fellow Vestonians,

Congrats on your acceptance to Stellenbosch University, and welcome to Vesta.

My name is Liam, and I will be your Secretary and your Cluster HC. I tend to be a very reserved person but that doesn't mean I won't look you in the eyes a greet you with a warm smile. Some of my favourite things include PC games, napping, and animated movies(big Disney fan). In the weeks of Welcoming I want to give you a bit of advice, its unlikely you will get the same opportunity twice, so go out there, be yourself and make memories to last a lifetime.

Hi future Vestonians,

I hope you are ready for your next chapter as it will be eventful. University is a pot of gold, filled to the brim with opportunities and learning.

As a member of Vesta I aim to be involved as much as possible and help progress your character development, into becoming a valued member of this community. Fun facts about me: I prioritize sleep, I enjoy cleaning and coke zero (it tastes better than regular and coke light).

I can't wait to meet all of you!
(P.S. bring your #GEES)



Dewald Smit

BCom Economic and Management Consultation
Financial Manager, Food, Welcoming

MENTORS

A Note From Our Head Mentor



Simon van den Berg

Coming to university is scary and challenging for so many reasons, and it is easy to become overwhelmed and lose track of what is going on. That's where we come in. As the 16-strong Bomb Squad of mentors, we will ensure that your transition into university is as smooth and comfortable as can be.

The mentors are there to guide you through university, offering a helping hand. They cater to individual needs, whether that be academically, socially, or just helping you through the ordinary university struggles and uncertainties.

Through Welcoming, leadership development, involvement in extra curriculars, and your overall wellness, the mentors will support each and every one of you to make your time here at Stellenbosch enriching and exciting.

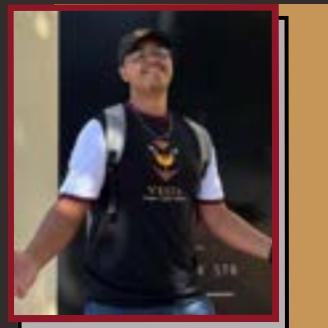
MEET YOUR 2026 MENTORS



Ben van der Walt



Taariq Abrahams



Jesse Benjamin



Albert Beukman



Suhail Shubrati

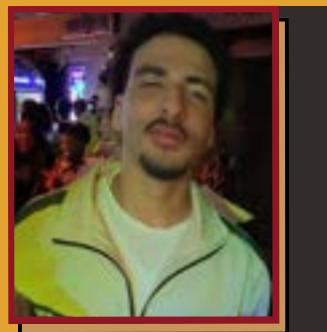


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MENTORS



Keenan Damons



Liam van Nelson



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Liam Coetzee



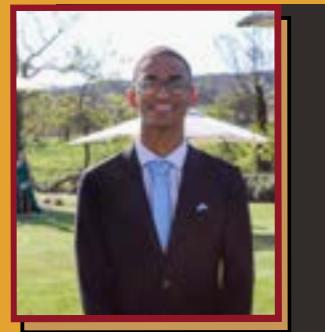
Tomas Pereira



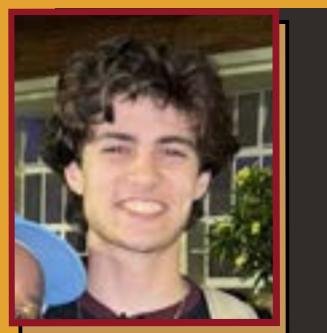
Luke Langford



Tristan Eybers



Ajay Abrahams



Kyne Barry



Steffen Jacobs

SENIORS' COMM

At Vesta, we have a special group of senior students who would really love to meet with you. They have dedicated themselves to taking up the mantle of serving the community and growing both personally and their own skill sets. They form a part of what we call the Seniors Committee.

They will assist during the welcoming period in preparation for offerings and activities, and they will be around at all Vesta events throughout the year.



Keegan Jappie



Daniël van Huyssteen



Mahlonamela Maupye



Mawethu Sophi



Griffin Ludick



Lunga Madlanga



Zander Kemp



Andries Gildenhuys



Taufeeq Christian



Declan Taylor



Matthew Holster

Not Pictured:

- Wiehan Kok
- Katlego Tamenti
- Solomzi Tshiki
- Mapalo Kawesha
- Zimi Nginase

What is a Cluster?

A cluster is a larger student community made up of various residences and CSCs that are geographically close to one another. The concept of cluster was introduced in 2007 as a way to connect and involve commuter student community (CSC) students with the activities and facilities available to students living in university and to create network opportunities for all.

Clusters promotes community building, offer a wider support structure and allow for collaboration and innovation to take place. They provide platforms that enable holistic development, networking opportunities, foster belonging, promote active citizenship and integrate and bridge gaps between different members of society through engagement.



Wimbledon Cluster Information

The Wimbledon Cluster consists of six communities that are all situated in the area surrounding the Wimbledon Hub. These include:

Aristea | Vesta | Eendrag | Helshoogte | Sonop | Irene

During Welcoming, you will have the opportunity to meet fellow students in the cluster and make friends outside of your community (residence or CSC). Cluster Interaction and Cluster Day during Welcoming is your first opportunity to engage with communities in Wimbledon. It is really something to look forward to!

WIMBLEDON Cluster

Wimbledon Cluster Information

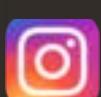
In addition to being part of such a vibrant and spirited cluster, you have the added option of booking meals at the residences with open dining halls that form part of the Wimbledon Cluster, especially at the monthly "First Wednesday" lunch. The Wimbledon Hub also sells food and has a quiet space for studying.

Meet
Wimby!

During welcoming you will meet the Wimbledon Cluster Conveners, Carina Steytler and Corne Prinsloo, are responsible for creating a platform for engagement and connection.



The cluster experience provides you with the opportunity to network and form academic and social contacts. The cluster has events during the year, where you can look forward to opportunities for personal growth and meeting new people. Cluster events are very special and exciting for new maties.



Please follow us on Instagram
[@wimbledoncluster](https://www.instagram.com/wimbledoncluster)

A word from your cluster convenors

Congratulations on embarking on this incredible journey at our university! We want to extend a warm welcome, not only to Stellenbosch and your respective student communities, but your greater Wimbledon Cluster!



We're overjoyed to welcome you to the place we proudly call our second home - a space where we're working tirelessly to make sure you feel like you've found your second home too

University is a place of growth, discovery, and transformation. It's a time to embrace change, and challenge yourself. As you navigate through the streets of Stellenbosch, remember that it's okay to feel a mix of excitement and nervousness. You are not alone—everyone around you is on a similar journey.

Embrace the change that comes with university life. This is a unique opportunity to expand your horizons, both academically and personally. Step out of your comfort zone, join committees, attend events, and meet new people. The diversity of experiences and perspectives on campus is vast, and it's in these interactions that you'll discover new passions and forge lasting connections.

Now, you may be trying to digest all of this new information being thrown your direction. Let's break down what our Cluster is... Wimbledon is our bridge between our 6 student communities, namely: Aristea, Vesta, Sonop, Irene, Eendrag, and Helshoogte. Wimbledon offers you a host of events, clubs, sports, personal and professional development opportunities and social events to ensure you are exposed to students from different communities. Cluster also offers you the Wimbledon Hub, conveniently located at the epicenter our communities - it is a place to study, meet up with friends, grab food, and relax.

Cluster will be introduced to you during welcoming, and we are so excited to call you a WimbleWinner!

We can't wait to witness the incredible impact you'll make.
Best wishes for a fantastic journey ahead.

We cannot wait to meet you!
Carina and Corne

LETTER FROM THE COMMUTER STUDENT COMMUNITIES UNIT

Dear Vesta Newcomer

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

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

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

Warm regards,
Commuter Student Communities Unit



WELCOMING

Stellenbosch University's Welcoming is about far more than just showing newcomers around, or giving out information about the university and where their classes are (but don't worry, we'll give you this information too). It's about cementing a foundation for the future of your journey at University. At Vesta, we strive to create an environment that speaks to your individual needs and interests.

By the end of the two weeks of orientation, we aim to ensure that you are confident going in to your studies, that you are knowledgeable about university structures, and most importantly that you have gained a sense of community in Vesta. We intend for you to be well equipped, and set on a trajectory that leads to a fulfilled life well beyond your time with us.

A Note From Our Welcoming Leader



Evariste Nyembwe

Hi there my fellow Vestonians. I am super stoked to seeing you during welcoming period. It would be an honour to etch the experiences and memories we will have into the walls of my heart. The Welcoming Programme for 2026 is filled with opportunities to do just that, create memories, create experiences that we will laugh and cherish in the future and many more. The only request I have of each of you is just to be PRESENT and to bring the ENERGY. Without this, nothing we do or say will matter. That's why we need you (yes YOU) , Because without you, this programme would never have been possible. I can't wait to see you all and have a great time.

Enjoy the rest of your holiday!!
Until we meet, which is very soon.

PRE-ARRIVAL PROGRAMME

Before you arrive in town, we would like to equip you with as much information as possible, as well as answer all of your questions, in order to help make your transition into Stellenbosch as smooth as possible. To achieve this, we have put together a **Virtual Pre-Arrival** program, where you will be introduced to Vesta, Cluster, Stellenbosch, and much more! This virtual program will take place in the week before Welcoming.

Day 1

Welcome

Monday, 19 January

Introduction to Vesta

Stellenbosch University “Did You Know?”

Newcomer Q&A

Tuesday, 20 January

Meet Your Mentors

#AskYourMentor Series

Mentor & Newcomer Bingo

Day 2

Mentors

Day 3

Faculty

Wednesday, 21 January

Faculty Tour

Faculty Q&A

What to Expect in Your First Lecture

Day 4

Cluster

Thursday, 22 January

Meet Your Cluster Coordinator

Meet Your Cluster Convenors

Introduction to Cluster Communities

Cluster Day 2025 Recap

Day 5

Sustainability

Friday, 23 January

Recycling 101

Sustainable Hacks for Students

What’s Your Eco Personality?

Day 6

Culture

Saturday, 24 January

Virtual Museum and Town Tours

Abbreviation Test

Taste of Campus

“What’s Your Culture Word”?

CONNECT (VENSTERS)



Connect (Vensters) is the big, showstopping highlight of welcoming where each residence or CSC gets paired with another and together you create a performance full of dance, stories, and campus magic.

Vensters Theme: Carnival of Dreams



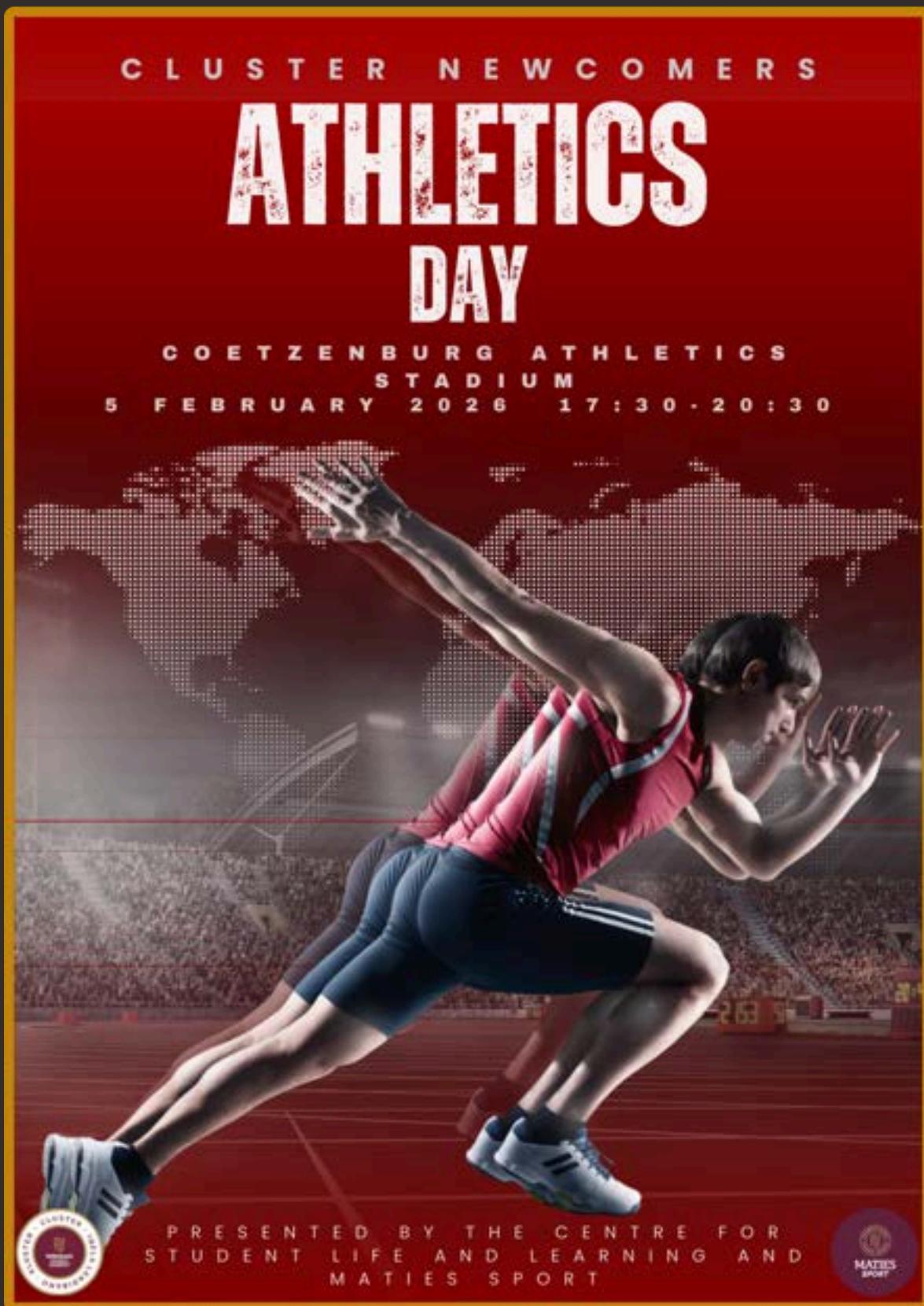
On 7 February, you'll step onto a massive stage, perform under the lights, and bring your dream world to life

VESTA x MINERVA = MINESTA

This year, Vesta and Minerva unite as MINESTA, bringing the Carnival of Dreams to life. While all communities Connect 2026 performances will be united in song and theme, the choreography, style, and energy are yours to create.



CLUSTER ATHLETICS



An inter-cluster athletics event during Welcoming. Sign-ups will be taken over the course of Welcoming to represent Wimbledon Cluster on the track and field.

WELCOMING PROGRAMME

Day 1, Monday 26 January

 08:00	Arrival and Registration	Wimbledon Hub	
 09:45	V-Sync	Wimbledon Hub	
 10:30	Campus Tour & Student Cards	Start at Wimbledon Hub	
 14:00	Vesta Vocab	Wimbledon Tennis Courts	
 16:00	War Cries	Wimbledon Tennis Courts	
 13:00	Lunch	Venue TBC	
 15:00	Team Competition	Wimbledon Tennis Courts	
 16:30	Vibe Check	Wimbledon Tennis Courts	

WELCOMING PROGRAMME

Day 2, Tuesday 27 January

  08:00	Arrival and Registration	Wimbledon Hub	
   09:00	V-Sync	Wimbledon Hub	
   09:30	Wellness Walk	Jan Marais Park	
  11:00	Vesta Vocab	Jan Marais Park	
  12:00	Lunch	Venue TBC	
  13:30	Vesta Values	Wimbledon Tennis Courts	
    14:30	Watermelon Challenge	Wimbledon Tennis Courts	
  17:00	Vibe-Check	Wimbledon Hub	

WELCOMING PROGRAMME

Day 3, Wednesday 28 January

 7:30	Arrival and Registration Wimbledon Hub	
 10:30	Merch and Sign Design Wimbledon Tennis Courts	 09:00 Let's Talk Wimbledon Hub
 13:00	Die Matie Newspaper Wimbledon Hub	 12:00 Lunch Venue TBC
 14:30	War Cries Wimbledon Hub	 14:30 Mentor Session Wimbledon Hub
 15:30	Maroon Movement Start at Wimbledon Hub	 15:00 Maroon Machine Wimbledon Hub
 19:00	Dinner & Dreams Wimbledon Hub	 17:00 Rector's Welcoming Danie Craven Stadium
		 20:00 Dreamwalk Start at Wimbledon Hub

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Day 4, Thursday 29 January

  8:00	Arrival	Wimbledon Hub	
    9:30	Cluster Day	Start at Wimbledon Tennis Courts	08:30    
  14:30	Vesta Vocab	Wimbledon Tennis Courts	Cluster Introduction Wimbledon Tennis Courts
  17:00	Vibe-Check	Wimbledon Hub	12:30    Lunch and Dance, with Aristea Wimbledon Tennis Courts
			15:30    Connect Interaction, with Minerva Wimbledon Tennis Courts

WELCOMING PROGRAMME

Day 5, Friday 30 January

  7:30	Arrival	
Wimbledon Hub		
  9:00	Sports morning, with Oude Molen	
Wimbledon Tennis Courts		
  13:00	Theatre Production	
Coetzenburg Centre		
   16:30	Welcoming Fair	
Coetzenburg B & C Rugby Fields		
   19:00	Phoenix Night	
Wimbledon Hub		
		08:00   
	Brew and Banter	
	Wimbledon Hub	
	11:30  	
	Lunch with Eendrag	
	Eendrag Residence	
	14:45	
	Pool Party  	
	Maties Sport Swimming Pool	
	18:00  	
	Dinner	
	Wimbledon Hub	

WELCOMING PROGRAMME

Please note: Vesta does not have any programme on Saturday, 31 Jan, or Sunday, 1 Feb. This allows you to get settled in your accommodation, run necessary errands, and get some rest for the following week of Welcoming. The programme will resume on Monday, 2 Feb.

However, Maties Sport is hosting a Colour Run on Saturday, 31 Jan, from 08:00 - 09:30 at the Maties Sport Gymnasium.

We'd love to extend their invite to our newcomers, and signups for the event will be communicated during Welcoming.

WELCOMING PROGRAMME

Day 6, Monday 2 Feb

  8:30	Arrival, and walk to Academic Programmes Wimbledon Hub	  9:00	Academic Programmes Details communicated in SU Welcoming booklet
  12:00	Lunch Venue TBC	  13:30	Academic Programmes Details communicated in SU Welcoming booklet
  17:30	Vibe-Check Wimbledon Hub	  18:00	Dinner Venue TBC
   19:00	Talent Show (Sign-ups taken during Welcoming) Wimbledon Hub		

WELCOMING PROGRAMME

Day 7, Tuesday 3 Feb

  8:30	Arrival, and walk to Academic Programmes Wimbledon Hub	  9:00	Academic Programmes Details communicated in SU Welcoming booklet
  12:00	Lunch Venue TBC	  13:30	Academic Programmes Details communicated in SU Welcoming booklet
   17:30	Guess Who Wimbledon Hub	  18:30	Vibe-Check Wimbledon Hub

WELCOMING PROGRAMME

Day 8, Wednesday 4 Feb

 8:30	Arrival, and walk to Academic Programmes	
	Wimbledon Hub	 9:00
 12:00	Lunch	Academic Programmes Details communicated in SU Welcoming booklet
	Venue TBC	 13:30
 16:00	Let's Talk	Academic Programmes Details communicated in SU Welcoming booklet
	Wimbledon Hub	 17:00
 17:30	Vibe-Check	Mentor Session Wimbledon Hub
	Wimbledon Hub	 18:00
 19:00	Nightlife Orientation, with <i>Silene</i>	Dinner Venue TBC
	Venue TBC	 19:00
		Movie Night, with <i>Silene</i> Victoria Hub

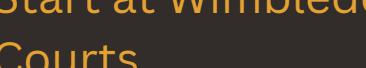
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Day 9, Thursday 5 Feb

  8:00	Arrival	
	Wimbledon Hub	  9:00
		Introduction to Vesta Sport
   10:00	Team Competition	Wimbledon Hub
	Wimbledon Hub	   11:00
		Quiz, with Silene
		Victoria Hub
  12:00	Lunch	
	Venue TBC	
  14:00	Entrepreneurship with Freddie from MyBrew	
	Wimbledon Hub	   13:00
		Vensters Practice
		Minerva
  16:00	Vibe-Check	
	Wimbledon Hub	  18:00
		Team Challenge
		Wimbledon Hub
   17:30	Cluster Athletics (Sign-ups taken during Welcoming)	
	Maties Athletics Club, Coetzenburg	   16:30
		Dinner
		Wimbledon Hub

WELCOMING PROGRAMME

Day 10, Friday 6 Feb

 8:00	Arrival	
Wimbledon Hub		 9:00
 12:30	Lunch with Irene	Social Impact Morning
Irene		Nemesia
 14:30	Vensters Practice	 13:30
Minerva		HC & Mentors Chicken Run
 16:45	Vibe-Check	 15:30
Wimbledon Hub		Ice Cream Tour
		Start at Wimbledon Tennis Courts
 18:30	Vensters Dress Rehearsal	 17:00
Coetzenberg		Dinner
		Venue TBC

WELCOMING PROGRAMME

Day 11, Friday 7 Feb

  9:30 Arrival Wimbledon Hub	   10:30 Vensters Practice Minerva	  10:00 Mentor Session & Subsify Baseline Survey Wimbledon Hub	  12:00 Lunch Venue TBC	    14:00 Vensters (Connect) Venue TBC	<p>Please note: Newcomers will need to arrange their own dinner during Vensters</p>
  13:00 Welcoming Feedback with the Monitors Wimbledon Hub					

WHAT TO BRING

- **Comfortable clothes and shoes**
- **Sunglasses**
- **Water bottle**
(Stellenbosch weather this time of year is incredibly hot)
- **Hat/cap**
- **Sunblock**
- **Gees/spirit**

IMPORTANT: Please see our merch and food packages (which will be purchasable at registration) appended at the end of the booklet, in order to see when meals will, or will not, be provided.

CONTACT DETAILS: VESTA

Should you have any queries regarding Vesta CSC, feel free to reach out through any of our communication channels

Email:

Primarius (Jacques Souchon):

Instagram:

Tik Tok:

VESTA@sun.ac.za

vestaprim@sun.ac.za

vesta_csc

vestapso

Additionally, please find contact details for various relevant organisations in Stellenbosch below

General information:

021 808 9111

info@sun.ac.za

Fire Department:

021 808 8888

Centre for student counselling and development(CSCD):

021 808 4994

Academic affairs:

021 808 4586

audreyp@sun.ac.za

Locksmith:

082 879 7399

24 hour CSCD Crisis Line:

021 557 0880

Admissions:

021 808 9111

info@sun.ac.za

Medi-Clinic ER:

021 861 2094

Library Enquiries:

021 808 4883

sulibrary@sun.ac.za

Campus Health

Services:

021 808 3496

021 808 3494

Police Station:

021 809 5000

Maties Sport:

021 808 4642

matiesport@sun.ac.za

Stellenbosch

Provincial Hospital:

021 808 6100

Campus Security:

021 808 2333

082 808 2333

(whatsapp)

ER 24:

021 809 6500

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):

FULL PACKAGE (Full Merch and Food Package) COST: R1100	ONLY FOOD PACKAGE COST: R450	ONLY FULL MERCH PACKAGE COST: R650	ONLY MERCH PACKAGE COST: R300 PARTIAL

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.

Food package meals provided (11 Lunch, 6 dinner)

DATE	MEALS PROVIDED
26 Jan	Lunch
27 Jan	Lunch
28 Jan	Lunch + Dinner
29 Jan	Lunch
30 Jan	Lunch + Dinner
2 Feb	Lunch + Dinner
3 Feb	Lunch
4 Feb	Lunch + Dinner
5 Feb	Lunch + Dinner
6 Feb	Lunch + Dinner
7 Feb	Lunch

FullMerchPackage

Rugby Jersey
 Newcomer Shirt
 Cap

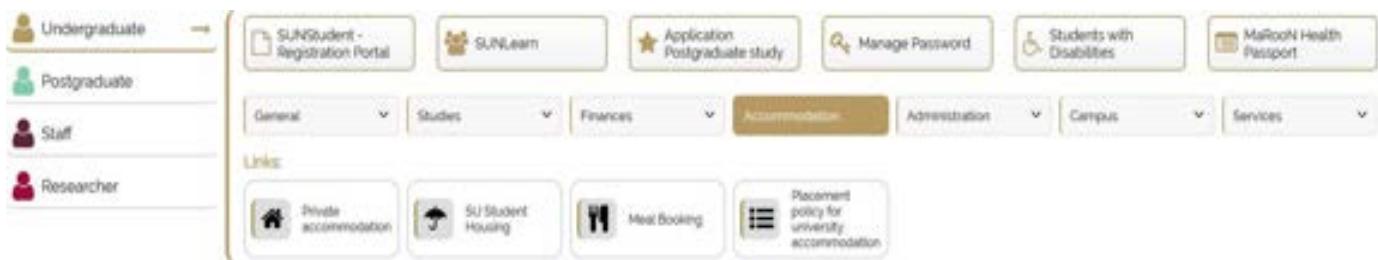
Partial Merch Package

Newcomer Shirt
 Cap



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: 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	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.

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.

CLOSING

We're super excited to meet you. Please feel free to reach out to any of Vesta's leadership if you have questions on the info in this booklet, or about your journey ahead at Stellenbosch.

Phoenix rise!