

Harmonie

Welcoming Booklet 2026



Welcome to Harmonie!

Firstly, congratulations on being placed in the oldest, most beautiful womxn's residence at Stellenbosch University!

We are so excited to meet you all and be a part of your university journey.



This booklet has been compiled so that you have all the necessary information you will need to help you move in and adjust to your new home. In this booklet you will be introduced to the house leaders, get a description of the house, and a packing list for Welcoming Week and your room.

Attached to the e-mail you received is a document that we need you to complete.

This document makes up your personal profile and allows you to tell us more about yourself. Please feel free to share only what you are comfortable sharing. The information will be kept confidential and only the House Committee and Residence Head will see it. This will be used to pair you with your roommate, with whom you will share a room in 2026.

"1905, Harmonie is alive!"

A kind disclaimer

to all newcomers

This booklet contains some of the information you need to prepare you for joining the Harmonie Residence student community at Stellenbosch University.

Please also note that it is **NOT compulsory** to purchase new items as per the checklist provided at the end of this booklet. These are all recommendations and suggestions for what to bring along with you. 🟡

If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your Welcoming Leaders:

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PLEASE NOTE: Cell phone queries will only be answered from 19 January 2026 when we are back on campus. You may contact our Residence Head, Lynne Rippenaar-Moses, at 073 534 5560 (**call/SMS**) or 078 8269592 (**WhatsApp only**).

A Message from your Welcoming leaders

Hey Daisy!

Congratulations on your acceptance to Harmonie and SU in general! This res is a truly special place where there is space for everyone and I hope it becomes a second home for you just like it did for me. I can't wait to meet you and get to know you!

See you soon! <3

Nina



Hi, hi besties

Here you go, the next adventure lies ahead! Welcoming in Harmonie will form memories and friendships to last a lifetime. Relax, breathe, be yourself and take in every moment. I'm here for you every step of the way!

Let's have some fun! <3

Zoë



A Message from your Prim



Welcome home or at least, to the place that will soon start to feel like it.

My name is Haseena, and I'm your Primaria, which, I know, sounds like one of those fancy Latin words that no one actually understands at first. Coming from high school, it can be a weird title to wrap your head around. People often think it's the same as being a head girl, but it's really more like being a part of the glue that keeps the heart of Harmonie beating, part mentor, part manager, and part big sister. But we'll unpack all of that once you're here. For now, just think of me as someone in your corner, a person you can talk to, laugh with, and lean on while you find your feet.

I remember exactly what it felt like to be where you are now. I came from a small all-girls school, tucked safely in its little bubble, and suddenly found myself in a much bigger world, new faces, new routines, new everything. It was overwhelming at first. But thanks to the people who reached out, listened, and lifted me up, I found my rhythm. That's what we at Harmonie are here for, to help you find yours.

A little about me: I'm 21, a Law student, and an unashamed dreamer who spends far too much time in imaginary worlds. They say university is when you "grow up" and while that's true, I don't believe growing up means outgrowing the magic. Keep your spark, your curiosity, your weirdness, those are the things that make you you.

You'll meet people who change the way you see the world. You'll start forming your own beliefs, values, and opinions. You'll laugh until you cry, and cry until you laugh again. Through all of it, Harmonie will be your safe haven, a heartbeat beside the Botanical Gardens, full of love and life.

When I'm not reading case law, you'll find me devouring books, watching movies (I adore animation, Howl's Moving Castle and Spiderman: Into the Spider-Verse have my whole heart), or crying in a theatre somewhere because the orchestra hit one emotional



When I'm not reading case law, you'll find me devouring books, watching movies (I adore animation, Howl's Moving Castle and Spiderman: Into the Spider-Verse have my whole heart), or crying in a theatre somewhere because the orchestra hit one emotional chord too many (I sobbed during Wicked, no shame). My MBTI is INFJ, which basically means I'm a professional overthinker with a poetic streak.

But enough about me, let's talk about Harmonie. This place isn't perfect, and that's exactly why it's so special. It's not all sunshine and confetti, it's real. It's the kind of place that challenges you, holds you, and helps you grow roots and wings. Here, love isn't just a word, it's a practice. It's about seeing people for who they are, respecting their story even when it's not your own, and choosing kindness in the spaces in between.

At Harmonie, comfort doesn't mean hiding who you are. It means having the courage to exist loudly, to take up space, to be messy, to be human without fear of judgment. The "norm" here is that there isn't one, and that's what makes it beautiful.

So, as your Primaria, I promise you this: You will grow, you will thrive, and you will belong, exactly as you are, within the heartbeat of Harmonie.

I can't wait to meet you, to hear your stories, and to walk beside you as you start this incredible chapter.

With all my love and excitement,
Haseena





A letter from your Vice-Prim

Dear Harmonite Newcomers

First of all, **CONGRATULATIONS** on getting into the best res ever!! Completely 100% objective and factually true. Not only is Harmonie the oldest residence in the southern hemisphere, but it's the coolest one too. I am so honoured and so proud to call myself your Vice-Primaria for 2025/26.

I can't even put into words how excited I am to meet each and every single one of you, and to get to know you and see you come to know and love Harmonie as your own. Welcoming is such a precious time, full of thrilling (and sometimes overwhelming) things. From meeting our lovely and beautiful mascots, Daisy and Absolom, to Dream Walk and Cluster Day and Connect - it's a time to have fun and make special memories.

I remember my first day moving in; I was very, very nervous, so much more than I thought I'd be. Under all those nerves, I was super excited. I remember reading my Welcoming booklet over and over again, and staying up late the night before to finish packing.

Once I arrived at Harmonie, it turned out I didn't need to be nervous at all. Everyone was so sweet and so friendly and all I could feel was the warmth and love of Harmonie. Harmonie has become my second home; not just the building (although it's beautiful and full of rich history!), but the people. It is a diverse and vibrant community, full of kindhearted, friendly, genuine people. It's a place to learn, a place of opportunities, a place to have fun, to seek comfort on bad days and exult in joy and celebration on good ones, a place to build lifelong friendships over Cookery movie nights, mini-hub study sessions, kitchen chats, and Neelsie waffle runs.

A little bit about me: I'm a law girlie and it's both the boon and bane of my existence. I'm a big, big reader and I love a good romcom or a musical. My door is always open for a coffee and a yap, though you'll probably have better luck at night - I'm a huge night owl!! Top favourite things to do include dilly-dallying, procrastinating, going on fun but inadvisable side quests, grabbing a sweet treat and a drinky-drink, and talking nonsense. When I'm stressed, I love going on really long walks with my headphones on. If you ever need someone to pull an all-nighter with, I'm your gal.

I hope Harmonie becomes the place you can rest after a long day, and your time here is filled with love, giggles, and comfort. There's something for everyone: sports matches and game nights, arts and crafts sessions and movie nights, hiking and icecream runs. If there's one thing I wish I could go back and tell myself, it would be that at Harmonie, you can come just as you are and there will be a place that you fit perfectly - there's nothing you need to change, nothing you need to make less or more of. Oh, and also that the computers at Jan Mouton are touchscreen, which I found out wayyy too late. Work sessions became so much more fun :)





A warm welcome from our Residence Head

Dear Harmonie newcomers

Welcome to Stellenbosch University and to Harmonie Residence! By joining Harmonie Residence, you have become part of a 120-year history and a community story filled with courage, friendship, and womxn who have shaped this residence into what it is today. This residence has held generations of students, each with their own hopes, uncertainties, first steps, and triumphs. Now it is your turn to write your chapter in this ever-growing story.

Harmonie is more than a building or a place to stay. It is a community built on belonging, diversity, and shared purpose – a caring, vibrant, and diverse community where you belong just as you are. Over the years, this residence has become known for nurturing women who are deeply committed to social justice – women who speak up for others, even when an issue doesn't touch them directly, and who step forward when our residence, the wider student community, or society needs courageous and compassionate leadership. That is who we are, and we hope that you will find that same strength in the time that you will spend in this community.

Like any family, we sometimes debate, disagree, or challenge one another – but here, our values of love, unity, and respect guide us back to understanding. When things get tough, we talk, we listen, and we work through it and grow together. That is the Harmonie way.

Starting university can feel overwhelming – and that is completely normal. You might feel excited one day and unsure the next. You may arrive with friends or walk in knowing no one at all. Give yourself time. Slowly, you will see your confidence grow and new friendships will surely form.



In between all the adjustment, there will also be plenty of moments of laughter, late-night conversations with fellow students, new insights, passions and experiences, the occasional party, and the chance to see – and participate! – in Harmonie’s famous talent shows.


So try new things. Ask questions. Explore campus. Join societies. Let yourself be curious, because university life is such an amazing adventure! While we want you to thrive academically, we also want you to develop as an individual, and the best way to do that is to step out of your comfort zone and do something new.

Please remember that support is always within reach. If you are struggling, feeling overwhelmed or uncertain, or simply need someone to listen, our House Committee is here for you and so am I. My door is always open, which means you can reach out to me directly as well. My role is to support you, guide and encourage you, and help you find your way, especially in those early days when everything feels new.

My hope is that Harmonie becomes a place where you grow, where you feel safe to stretch yourself and ask questions, to make mistakes and start again, where you learn to care for others, and where you discover the strength of your own voice. A place where you learn that your individual journey matters – but that we flourish best when we uplift one another.

I cannot wait to welcome you to Harmonie in person and walk alongside you as you begin this extraordinary new chapter of your life.

Take care, rest well, and know that we are counting the days until we meet you. I’ll see you soon!

Much  always,
Lynne

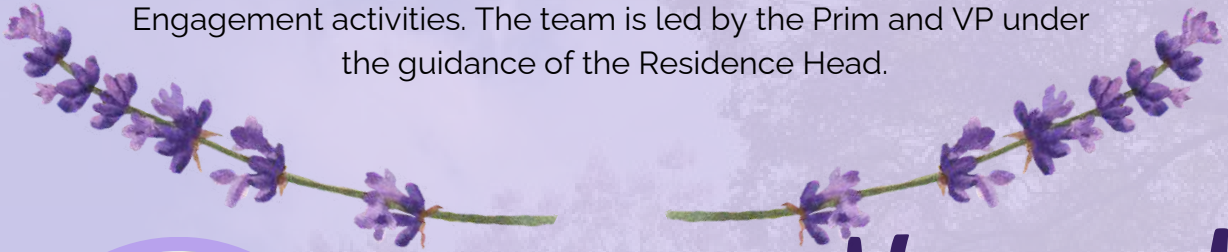


Meet your House Committee...

but first, what is a House Committee?

A House Committee (or HC) is a student leadership team elected by students in a residence or commuter student community (CSC) to help run the residence/CSC with the Residence Head/CSC Coordinator. While the Residence Head is responsible for creating a values-driven environment, supporting students' wellbeing, and creating opportunities for learning and growth, the HC handles daily student life matters, activities and events.

Harmonie's HC consists of 10 members - including the Primaria (Prim), Vice-Primaria (VP) and Head Mentor - each with their own portfolios, from following up on maintenance issues to planning House Dance, and Critical Engagement activities. The team is led by the Prim and VP under the guidance of the Residence Head.



Hannah



Name: Hannah Sieberhagen

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: English

Hometown: PE/ Gqeberha

Degree: BA Humanities III

Portfolios: Social Impact, Sustainability, Merchandise

Hobbies: Photography, Singing, Sökkies/ Dancing in general, spending time with Jesus, and actually sooooo much more! I am highly likely to share a hobby with anyone lol.

Favourite movie snack: POPCORN - but I eat it all the time, movie or not haha.

Most used emoji: 🥰 - I am always saying something outrageous lol.

Soundtrack to your life: The Mamma Mia soundtrack is always playing - if not out loud, then in my head!

Sylvia



Name: Sylvia Shapumba

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: English

Hometown: Windhoek

Degree: BCom International Business II

Portfolios: Internal Relations, Cluster, Staff

Hobbies: Reading and Writing

Favourite movie snack: Popcorn

Most used emoji: 🥰

Soundtrack to your life: True Colours by Billy Steinberg and Tom Kelly

Zoë



Name: Zoë Trussel

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: English, Afrikaans

Hometown: Malmesbury

Degree: BEd Foundation Phase

Portfolios: Alumni, Archive & Madelief, Welcoming, House Dance

Hobbies: My hobbies include:

- going for walks
- trying every TikTok recipe I come across
- posting on my spam account
- spending my entire life savings at Kristen's KickAss Ice Cream

Favourite Movie Snack: A crispy Coke and Woolies peanut butter pretzel pillows

Most used emoji: 😘😘😘

Soundtrack to your life: This will be (an everlasting love)
– Natalie Cole



Haseena

Name: Haseena Allie

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: English, Afrikaans

Hometown: Paarl

Degree: LLB IV

Portfolios: Leadership development, Discipline, Voting, Constitutional Review

Hobbies: Reading and updating my Goodreads. I get way too invested into fictional universes, watch tons of musicals (Wicked and West Side Story are my fav), I love movies and rating them on Letterboxd, I really like K-pop and enjoy collecting photocards and I love learning about skincare and hair care.

Favourite Movie Snack: Speckled eggs

Most used emoji: 🏠

Soundtrack to your life: Vienna – Billy Joel



Nina

Name: Nina Viljoen

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: Afrikaans and English

Hometown: Caledon

Degree: BCom Industrial Psychology III

Portfolios: Welcoming, Newcomers, Sport, Admin

Hobbies: Playing sports, reading, spending time with my family and BAKING!! Honestly - i have too many to choose from...

Favourite movie snack: A purple slushie and Astros, but I would eat this regardless if there's a movie playing or not

Most used emoji: 😍 or 😭, I can't choose, I love emojis too much

Soundtrack to your life: Open Hands - Urban Rescue





Saadia

Name: Saadia Kabil

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: English and Afrikaans

Hometown: Cape Town

Degree: LLB III

Portfolios: Safety, Maintenance, Discipline

Hobbies: Reading (an article), writing, watching video essays, sports (watching: women's basketball, the NHL; playing: netball), going on long walks, yapping, going to the Neelsie for "a beverage and a sweet treat!" (varies day to day).

Favourite movie snack: Custard doughnut or specked eggs.

Most used emoji: 😊

Soundtrack to your life: 'Sandman' – Dominic Fike

Hania



Name: Hania Jacobs

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: English

Hometown: Cape Town

Degree: BSc Human Life Science IV

Portfolios: Senior's, Culture, Finance

Hobbies: Puzzle building & video games

Favourite Movie Snack: Sour worms & speckled eggs

Most used emoji: 🤩 & ❤️

Soundtrack to your life: Keep Driving – Harry Styles



Delané

Name: Delané Potgieter

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: English & Afrikaans

Hometown: Durbanville

Degree: BA Drama and Theatre Studies II

Portfolios: Media, Marketing & Sponsorships, Connect, Internal Relations

Hobbies: Some of my hobbies are definitely writing songs, playing guitar, piano and ukulele, and watching too many romcoms

Favourite Movie Snack: Grape slushy, popcorn and Whispers! (basically, anything sweet)

Most used emoji: 🥰

Soundtrack to your life: Literally any song from Gracie Abrams and Will Linley



Nonhlanhla

Name: Nonhlanhla Mkhwenazi

Pronouns: She/They

Languages: I can speak and understand most languages but my main ones are English, isiZulu, Afrikaans, Sesotho, Setswana.

Hometown: I am from Pretoria, specifically a small township called Mamelodi!

Degree: LLB III

Portfolios: Socials, Empowerment, Critical Engagement.

Hobbies: I loveeee colouring in, reading, watching TikToks and listening to music.

Favourite movie snack: Popcorn lol, how creative can it get.

Most used emoji: 🤔 - It definitely has to be the crying one used for laughter because life is funny yoh.

Soundtrack to your life: Definitely "Now or Never" by Kendrick Lamar (my favorite artist 🥰) and Mary J. Blige



Jordan

Name: Jordan Joseph

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: English, French (I hope I still can) and I'm fighting to learn Afrikaans

Hometown: Harare, Zimbabwe

Degree: LLB III

Portfolios: Head Mentor (Mentors, Academics, Wellness and Hearts and Hands)

Hobbies: Cheffing it up in the kitchen and anything crafty

Favourite movie snack: Popcorn with a lot of flavouring with crisps inside and sour worms

Most used emoji: 😊

Soundtrack to your life: Who you are – Jessie J



We are so excited to meet you!



A letter from your Head Mentor

Hi!

My name is Jordan and I am the Head Mentor of Harmonie Residence.

I wanted to start off by extending a huge and very enthusiastic CONGRATULATIONS to you all for your admission into the university as well as into the most wonderful place that you will soon get to call home! You should be so proud of yourselves for your hard work and I hope you are feeling a rush of excitement for the journey ahead!

When I think of Harmonie, I think of a heart with a steady beat. Each resident has a different rhythm, their own pulse that all perfectly align to keep this home alive. Each rhythm is vital to keep the heart beating.

Harmonie is not defined by its walls, but by the rhythm that flows through them. You are all now a part of this beating heart, whether your rhythm is loud and rapid or soft and measured, your beat gives life to the heart and we are so happy to have you! With that being said, I want to reassure you that you are welcome as you are! Do not be afraid to be yourself and to let your individuality shine through; it is our differences that make Harmonie such a vibrant space to live in. Harmonie will provide you with the opportunity to learn from those around you, but also to learn more about yourselves.

You have the opportunity to make incredible friends that you will carry with you and to create memories that leave imprints on your heart. University is a new story for you all to write for yourselves; one with many chapters, packed with an array of emotions and a treasure trove of memories. My hope for you is that you will step into this new space with courage and a desire to embrace the unknown and to welcome the uncertain.



As you embark on this new journey, you will be faced with many challenges along the way, adjusting may be difficult and trying new things can be nerve-wrecking, but myself, along with my incredible mentor team, will be there every step of the way to guide you and give you comfort when things are hard, but also to cheer you on and celebrate with you when things go well. We are here to ensure that your journey is as smooth as possible, so you can count on us to be there for you! Remember that you are never alone in this space, there is always somebody to lean on.

Finally, I want to say that I am so excited to meet each and every one of you and to get to know you! I am here if you have any questions, want to chat or just want to yap about something fun! I have your back, the mentors have your front and the wonderful people in this house have got both sides! Good luck with the year to come and cherish every bit of it!

So much love,
Jordan – Head Mentor



*Your
2025/2026
mentor
team!*



What is a mentor?

Your mentors are your guiding light throughout the year, and aim to help you integrate into student life and transition smoothly from high school to university.

Each residence and commuter student community (CSC) at Stellenbosch University has a Head Mentor. Harmonie's Head Mentor is also a member of the HC team and works with the Mentor team. The Mentor team will be here to welcome you to Harmonie and help you understand how the university works, while teaching you the ins and outs of Harmonie.

You will be assigned to a Mentor and a mentor group even before you move into Harmonie. Your Mentor will keep contact with you, send you all the information you need before your arrival, and of course, assist you with all your questions!

Your Mentor will make sure you know how to do your laundry, book your meals, and use the infamous SUNLearn. But they will do so much more than that! You will see them every day during Welcoming so that you have someone to go to if you are feeling overwhelmed or want to share your excitement about this new journey. Participating in the small mentor groups during Welcoming is also a great way to make new friends too!

If you have any questions and you don't know who the right person is to ask, you are more than welcome to contact Jordan, the Head Mentor (28182197@sun.ac.za or 071 277 9002) and she will get back to you as soon as possible.



Meet your mentors

Tanith

Name: Tanith Smith

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: English and Afrikaans(I try my best)

Hometown: Mossel Bay

Degree: BSc Biotechnology and Molecular Biology

Hobbies: I love jogging, hiking, reading and sewing

Favourite spot in Harmonie: Small blue couch at the end of Quadro's hallway (where my family hears about every detail of my day)

Character that represents you: Flounder from the Little Mermaid

Words you live by: "You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending." — C.S. Lewis



Grace

Name: Grace Abrahams

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: English and Afrikaans

Hometown: Cape Town

Degree: BAccounting

Hobbies: I love reading, watching movies and running

Favourite spot in Harmonie: I love sitting on the Vyfster/DP balcony and people watching (I promise im not a stalker!!)

Character that represents you: Belle (Beauty and the Beast) because she is someone who is intelligent and logical and stands strong in her values.

Words you live by : Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know that plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and future"



Njabulo

Name: Njabulo Keletso Motloun

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: English, Zulu

Hometown: Alberton, Gauteng

Degree: BA (Humanities) majoring in Psychology and Sociology

Hobbies: Sleeping, reading and buying books

Favourite spot in Harmonie: Cookery

Character that represents you: Silvermist

Words you live by: Aut viam inveniam, aut faciam (I shall either find a way or make one)





Owami

Name: Owami Nyombolo

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: Xhosa/english

Hometown: Pretoria

Degree: Bachelor of Accounting

Hobbies: Gym, reading

Favourite spot in Harmonie: Outside by the Botanical Gardens

Character that represents you: Dora, because im always willing to explore and im always walking somewhere

Words you live by: Be Kind

Jordan

Name: Jordan Mazibuko

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: English

Hometown: Johannesburg / Jozi / Joburg, Sandton

Degree: Applied Medicinal Chemistry

Hobbies: Reading, poetry and anime

Favourite spot in Harmonie: Second floor balcony because who doesn't love fresh air and a view/ The Cookery because to be in that room is to be in the presence of good company and laughter.

Character that represents you: Bokuto Kotaro from Haikyuu. A bubbly character that always tries to put his best foot forward while wearing his heart on his sleeve proudly.

Words you live by: More than your best, you cannot do, and as long as you've done your best, that will always be enough.



Mikal

Name: Mikal Venter

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: Afrikaans, English

Hometown: Pretoria

Degree: Speech-, Language- and Hearing Therapy

Hobbies: Reading, braiding, crocheting, acapella, hiking, yapping, going on side quests

Favourite spot in Harmonie: The grass behind Knersis when Chua and Chica are playing there (I love cats!)

Character that represents you: Jessica Day (New Girl)

Words you live by: "The show must go... all over the place...or something."~ Finn Hudson, Glee.



Christine

Name: Christine Uys

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: Afrikaans & English

Hometown: Welgemoed

Degree: Bcom Information Systems

Hobbies: Being a massive Formula One and football enthusiast! Backing Max Verstappen, Oscar Piastri, Arsenal F.C. and the France national football team all the way!

Favourite spot in Harmonie: Outside on the grass at the Knersis entrance

Character that represents you: Rapunzel

Words you live by: "I have learned that it is faith that decides whether something will happen or not"



Inam

Name: Inam Lisakhanya Sipamla

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: isiXhosa, English, and Afrikaans

Hometown: Cape Town

Degree: BEd Foundation Phase

Hobbies: Reading, baking, and watching movies on Netflix or Disney+

Favourite spot in Harmonie: The quad

Character that represents you: Natasha Romanoff (Black Widow – Marvel Universe)

Words you live by: It is what it is. If it costs my peace, it's too expensive



Lara

Name: Lara Oosthuizen

Pronouns: She/ Her

Languages: Afrikaans and English

Hometown: Betty's Bay

Degree: BEd Intermediate Phase Education.

Hobbies: Gardening, hiking, pilates, reading, socialising with friends and family, and café hopping.

Favourite spot in Harmonie: The quad

Character that represents you: Claire from Derry Girls

Words you live by: If you are happy doing what you are doing, nobody can tell you you are not successful.



Meet your Seniors' Comm

Monique

Name: Monique Konstable

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: Afrikaans and English

Hometown: De Doorns/ Worcester

Degree: B in Social Work

Hobbies: Napping, knitting, oomscrolling on Facebook

Your dream dinner guest: Jesus

Go-to comfort meal: Debonairs sweet chilli chicken small triple decker

Favourite movie/TV show: Modern Family



Belle

Name: Belle Swartland

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: English and Afrikaans

Hometown: Grabouw

Degree: BEng Mechanical Engineering

Hobbies: Reading (I'm very much a fantasy lover), drawing

Your dream dinner guest: Frank Ocean

Go-to comfort meal: My mother's soup

Favourite movie/TV show: The 100



Nisha

Name: Nisha Pool
Pronouns: She/Her
Languages: English and Afrikaans
Hometown: Stellenbosch
Degree: BA Humanities
Hobbies: Reading, swimming, hiking, watching movies and series
Your dream dinner guest: My dream dinner guest is Sarah J Maas so that she can tell me what's going to happen in her future books.
Go-to comfort meal: Burrito and chips
Favourite movie/TV show: My favourite movie is the Princess and the Frog because it's more than just a fairy tale and teaches you hard work pays off and my favourite TV show is Gossip Girl because the drama is unreal.



Louise

Name: Louise le Grange
Pronouns: She/Her
Languages: English and Afrikaans
Hometown: Somerset West
Degree: BA Visual Communication Design
Hobbies: Photography, arts and crafts (love a good DIY!)
Your dream dinner guest: Trixie & Katya
Go-to comfort meal: Nachos!!! All-time favorite
Favourite movie/TV show: Derry Girls (have watched it 4 times)

Tshireletso

Name: Tshireletso
Pronouns: She/Her
Languages: English, Sepedi
Hometown: Polokwane
Degree: Bachelor of Accounting
Hobbies: Jogging, dancing, watching movies
Your dream dinner guest: Gunna
Go-to comfort meal: KFC (All star box!!!)
Favourite movie/TV show: Big Mouth





Ruqaiya

Name: Ruqaiya Hendricks

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: English and Afrikaans

Hometown: Mitchells Plain, Cape Town

Degree: BA Social Work

Hobbies: I really enjoy baking, reading and going on walks with friends. I'm hoping to learn a new language too!

Your dream dinner guest: My grandma's most definitely ♡

Go-to comfort meal: I LOVE chicken curry, but buttered toast is a close second :)

Favourite movie/TV show: Criminal Minds (why do I always forget every movie I've ever watched when I'm asked this)

Suné

Name: Suné Joubert

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: Afrikaans and English

Hometown: Durbanville

Degree: BSc Biodiversity and Ecology

Hobbies: Dancing and reading

Your dream dinner guest: Leigh Bardugo

Go-to comfort meal: Any type of pasta

Favourite movie/TV show: Gilmore Girls



Miché

Name: Miché Maxim

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: Afrikaans and English

Hometown: Mamre, Western Cape

Degree: BSC Food Science

Hobbies: Jogging and eating

Your dream dinner guest: "Dream guest on my podcast!?" – Hailey Bieber

Go-to comfort meal: CHIPS!!!!

Favourite movie/TV show: F*R*I'E*N*D*S
(Rewatching it for the 10th time)

Akwande

Name: Akwande
Pronouns: She/Her
Languages: English IsiZulu
Hometown: Durban
Degree: BAccounting
Hobbies: Volunteering and Styling
Your dream dinner guest: Michelle Obama
Go-to comfort meal: Amagwinya
Favourite movie/TV show: Me Before You



Luché

Name: Luché Lourens
Pronouns: She/Her
Languages: Afrikaans and English
Hometown: Swellendam
Degree: BAcc
Hobbies: Laughing like it's cardio and playing Candy Crush like it's a full time job
Your dream dinner guest: Jennifer Lawrence
Go-to comfort meal: Lasagna
Favourite movie/TV show: Grown Ups/Modern Family



Audrey

Name: Audrey Mbala
Pronouns: She/Her
Languages: English, French, Afrikaans
Hometown: Cape Town
Degree: Biomedical Mathematical Sciences
Hobbies: Reading, writing and jogging
Your dream dinner guest: Jungkook from BTS
Go-to comfort meal: Indomie Noodles with a boiled or fried egg
Favourite movie/TV show: Titanic (1997)



Brogen



Name : Brogen Reynolds

Pronouns: She/Her

Languages: English

Hometown: Cape Town

Degree: BAccounting

Hobbies: Watching movies

Your dream dinner guest: Kehlani

Go-to comfort meal: Pasta

Favourite movie/TV show: Divergent/Good
Girls/Scream

What is the Seniors' Comm?

The Senior's Comm is a committee that focuses on facilitating positive connections and community between the seniors and newcomers, and between the seniors themselves. They plan fun events that allow residents to connect and enable people to make friends beyond their year group. The comm also ensures the well-being of the Seniors and plans events that interest them.



Victoria Cluster

Welcome to Victoria Cluster!

Consisting of five vibrant communities, all centrally located around our gorgeous cluster hub, Victoria Cluster is one of the most active and connected clusters on campus.



Victoria Cluster consists of three residences - Harmonie, Monica and Wilgenhof - and the commuter student communities (CSCs) Oude Molen and Silene. Together we form a relatively small, though very tight-knit cluster.

Meet our team!

Sebastian
Cluster Convenor



Kate
Cluster Convenor

Louise
Social Media Manager

Keathen
Admin Manager



Welcome to Victoria Hub!

The first floor of the hub, where the Munch Deli is located. There is plenty of seating as well as foosball and pool tables!



The hub serves as the center of the cluster, with plenty of space for relaxation and studying if need be. There is even a deli on the first floor!



@VICTORIACLUSTER

Give us a follow!



The second floor of the hub is a quiet area, so that people can study here in peace. It's a great way to get out of res to study without having to walk too far!

Some communal spaces in Harmonie...

Communal living means using communal spaces. Luckily, Harmonie has quite a few common rooms for us to share and use as we please (within reason). The following few pages are meant to help you get a better idea of the spaces we share, although not all of our common rooms are included here.

You will get a much better look at them in person, but we hope that these few pages will satisfy your curiosity for now!



Our 3rd and 4th floor balconies. There is also a balcony facing the quad, although it can't be seen here. The balconies are a lovely spot to catch some sun and have a chat! The two outside balconies are accessed through the kitchenettes in the new section.

One of our three kitchenettes. We have an airfryer-oven in each kitchen, although you can bring your own appliances if you want. All cooking must be done in the kitchens, as cooking in your room is a fire hazard and against Residence Rules





The mini hub. This is also a Cluster space (meaning everyone in the Cluster has card access), although it is located in Harmony.

This mini hub functions primarily as a study space, with lots of comfy seating. When academics get hectic, you'll find people napping on the bean bags!

The Cookery: The largest of the rooms, it serves the function of a rec hall and is where we host our more informal events. There is lots of seating and even a piano that you are welcome to play. Jam sessions in the Cookery are a time-honoured Harmonie tradition!



The Swottery: Our in-house study room. It contains plenty of study cubicles, three desktops and a printer for all your academic needs. Please note that the Swottery is always a quiet zone, so no chatting is allowed. You will find plenty of your fellow Harmonites here during during tests and exams!



The Dining Hall. This is where we have our catered meals and host our larger events, such as House meetings.

Pro-tip: Mealtimes bring people together, so use the opportunity to make some new friends!



The Quad: A favourite spot for some R&R, you will often find people eating lunch here or lounging on the grass. It is especially beautiful in November when the Jacarandas bloom. That's why our house colour is purple!

The laundry room:

Washers, dryers and what seems like a lot of drying space, are at your disposal for your laundry needs. We will show you how to use the machines and load your washing quota. It tends to get pretty full over the weekends, so plan your laundry days accordingly!





Your first-year room...



Your first-year room

All first years in Harmonie live in double rooms. Not all first-year rooms are the same size, but the same furniture is provided in all rooms. Each room contains:

- 1 x bedframe per person
- 1 x single mattress per person
- 1 x desk and chair per person
- 1 x shelf with a pinboard per person
- 1 x built-in cupboard per person, with a railing for a towel
- 1 x shared food cupboard
- curtains



Sections

We have seven sections (or corridors) in res. Two of them are in the "old section", the part of the residence that was built in 1905, and the other five are in the "new section", an extension of the original residence, added in 1961. Each section has its own bathroom with 2-3 toilets and showers and 4-5 sinks. The sections are as follows:

- Walletjies (0)
- Blue Route (1)
- Twilight (2)
- Trimalot (3)
- Quadro (4)
- Vyfster (5)
- Distrik-Pharos (6)



What should you bring?

For your room

- Bedding
- Towel(s)
- Toiletries
- Eating utensils (Including glasses, plates, cups, cutlery and tupperware)
- Tea/coffee, sugar etc.
- Lock for your bedroom door
- Hangers
- Bins for extra storage and organising
- Laundry detergent and a laundry basket
- Dishwashing liquid
- Drying cloth and sponge
- Shower shoes

Optional

- Bar fridge (Rather wait and see if your roommate has one before you buy your own brand new fridge - this creates the opportunity for sharing)
- Two plate stove (**no spiral plate stoves are allowed**) if you plan to cook and do not want to use the residence airfryer ovens.
- Kettle (each section has an urn, so this is not a necessity)
- Bedside lamp/desk lamp
- Rug
- Electric fan
- Decorations
- A tub for your dishes (it helps a lot!)

For registration

- (only if registering in person)
- SU Prospectus
- Acceptance letter
- Original National Senior Certificate
- ID document

For welcoming

- Black vest or t-shirt
- White vest or t-shirt
- White outfit
- 2 or 3 shorts (denim and/or black)
- Gym clothes
- Black/yellow t-shirt for cluster athletics
- An old yellow, red, blue or green t-shirt to paint on - this is for Vensters
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Comfortable clothes for hot weather (Stellies gets crazy hot in February)
- Sunblock
- A hat (or two)
- Swimming costume (if you would like to swim)
- Stationary (pen/markers)
- An item, clothing or headgear that represents your culture. You are also welcome to prepare music, poetry, a song or dance from either your culture or to showcase a talent you have if you wish to perform
- Anything purple!



Please note that

The following may not be used in the room, due to fire hazards:

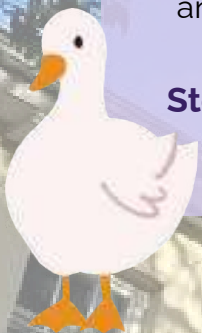
- Microwaves
- Airfryers
- Stoves/ovens or single stove plates
- Toasters
- Candles/incense
- Anything with an open element (such as a heater). Fan heaters may be used.
- **Only bar fridges** may be used in rooms. Larger fridges take A LOT of electricity and are also a fire risk.



Ovens, toasters, single/double plate stoves (no spiral plate stoves or gas stoves are allowed in residence) and airfryers (if you bring them along) may be stored in your room, but may only be used in the communal kitchens! Our communal kitchens contain a microwave, airfryer oven and an urn. It is advisable not to bring too many cooking appliances to res as storage space in your room is limited.

- You will only find out who your roommate is on the day you move in. We will assist you in working out rules for your shared space. This is extremely important to avoid unnecessary conflict.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided every day by our catering company, CSG, during the Welcoming period. The cost of these meals will be charged to your student account. Once classes start, you must book your meals online. We'll show you how to do this.
- You are not allowed to drill or hammer anything into the wall of your room. There are wooden panels that you can hang things from. Should you create holes in your wall, you will be held financially responsible for the repair of those holes and the repainting of the room. The costs incurred will be added to your student account.
- Harmonie has a laundry. The mentors will show you how to use the machines and how to load your washing quota.

Stellenbosch University uses a cashless system, so please download SNAPSCAN onto your phone.



Important dates and upcoming events

Monday, 19 January 2026

All personal profiles completed (via the Microsoft form) by this date.

Monday, 26 January 2026

All first-year Law students move in from 14h00. The Law Faculty's Academic Programme starts at 18h00.

Tuesday, 27 January 2026

SOAR programme students (first-generation students) move into residences.

Tuesday, 27 January 2026

MOVE IN DAY! (from 08h00)

Parents/guardians will join us for the Parents' Lunch from 12h00 to 14h00.

Thursday, 29 January 2026

Cluster Day: Newcomers have the opportunity to meet their 'neighbours' in the Victoria Cluster and interact with their community.

Sunday, 1 February 2026

Free Sunday for all newcomers (personal time off and rest).
Breakfast, lunch and dinner will still be provided.

Thursday, 5 February 2026

Cluster Newcomers Athletics Meeting from 17h30 to 21h00

Saturday, 7 February 2026

Vensters Day!

Monday, 9 February 2026

Commencement of classes for all undergraduate students

Please note that any information published in this booklet is subject to change



CLUSTER NEWCOMERS

ATHLETICS DAY

COETZENBURG ATHLETICS
STADIUM

5 FEBRUARY 2026 17:30 - 20:30



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MATIES SPORT



Eco-friendly living

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

Water

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

Energy

- Use LED lamps only.
- Limit fridge use to one 150 L bar fridge per room.
- 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

- 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.

Get involved

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

Harmonie Merchandise

At Harmonie, we see your sense of belonging as a key part of your Welcoming experience. As such, we create newcomer merchandise for all newcomers each year as a small token to show that you belong to the Harmonie community!

The following merch is available in 2026

1. Newcomers' merchandise pack

Included in this pack is a Harmonie Newcomers 2026 t-shirt and a Harmonie purple visor.

Price: R350

2. Individual Newcomers t-shirt

We are also opening the option to only purchase a Newcomers t-shirt if you would prefer. *Please note that all Newcomers need to have this t-shirt.*

Price: R180

** All students will also receive two Maties t-shirts from the university.*

How can I purchase my merch?

1. Purchase now using the Harmonie SnapScan!

If you click the link below, you will be able to pay ahead so you are set and ready before move-in day!

<https://pos.snapscan.io/qr/SUHARMONIE>

Please include your initial and surname in the reference for the payment as well as "PACK" or "TSHIRT" depending on what you have decided to order.

NB: Once you have ordered on SnapScan, **please send a screenshot of your successful payment**, full name and surname, and what you ordered on e-mail to Hannah at 27318680@sun.ac.za. This is vital for Hannah to keep track of those who have ordered ahead.

2. Buy the merch on move-in day!

If you would prefer to buy your merch on move-in day, you will be able to do so. If possible, we recommend that you pay before you arrive at the residence and share



Harmonie Merchandise

Your proof of payment with Hannah via e-mail. If you prefer to pay upon arrival, please keep in mind that there will be a queue and that you may have to wait a while to be served.

Merchandise support for financially disadvantaged students

We are aware that there are students who arrive at our residence with no money to spare to purchase newcomer merchandise. For this reason, the residence sponsors a limited number of newcomer packs for students who do not have the funds, nor will they have the funds in future to purchase a pack. Should you require a sponsored newcomer pack, please reach out to our Residence Head, Lynne Rippenaar-Moses, at lynnr@sun.ac.za or on WhatsApp at 078 826 9592.

Pay it forward to help a Harmonite

By now you would have realised that one of Harmonie's three values is UNITY, and that we are committed to practising our values in all that we do. Welcoming is a time of bonding between newcomers and for building community, and one of the ways in which we do that is by ensuring that every newcomer who enters our residence is able to access a newcomer merchandise pack. Over the years, parents and alumni have helped us reach that goal by either contributing toward the costs of a newcomer pack or sponsoring the full newcomer pack costs.

Should you wish to pay your blessings forward to others, please feel free to reach out to Hannah at 27318680@sun.ac.za or Lynne at lynnr@sun.ac.za or on WhatsApp at 078 826 9592 to do so. Your generosity will go a long way in ensuring a financially disadvantaged student does not have to worry about another further expense.

Move-in day flash sale

On move-in day, we will also have some Harmonie merchandise from over the years on sale to help you get some move-in essentials, Harmonie style 😊.

The items on sale are mostly Harmonie-branded glasses, water bottles and tote bags. If you need to buy some of these items for your new chapter at university, come check out what we have on sale as you enter your new home away from home!



Vensters 2026!

Vensters is the grand finale to Welcoming Week. The name of the event comes from the Afrikaans word for "windows", and dates back to when Stellenbosch students would decorate their residence windows during Welcoming.



Harmonie



SILENE
Silene CSC

Today, "Vensters" (Connect) has been rebranded, and consists of a massive concert at the end of Welcoming where we team up with our Connect partners to present an amazing show. Literally *thousands* of people come and watch Vensters every year.

There will be multiple Vensters practices during Welcoming where you will dance, act and have fun connecting (haha) with Hippokrates Residence and Silene CSC, our Connect Partners for 2026! Our partnership name is Hippoharlene.

The theme for Vensters this year is "Carnival of Dreams" - we can't wait to see you all on stage!



Hippokrates

go Hippoharlene!



Maties Connect



Harmonie Highlights!

A sneak peek into what you can expect in a year at Harmonie Residence





give us a follow on social media!



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 Harmonie Ladies Residence

 @harmonie_1905



Welcome to the Harmonie Family!

We are so excited to meet you!

