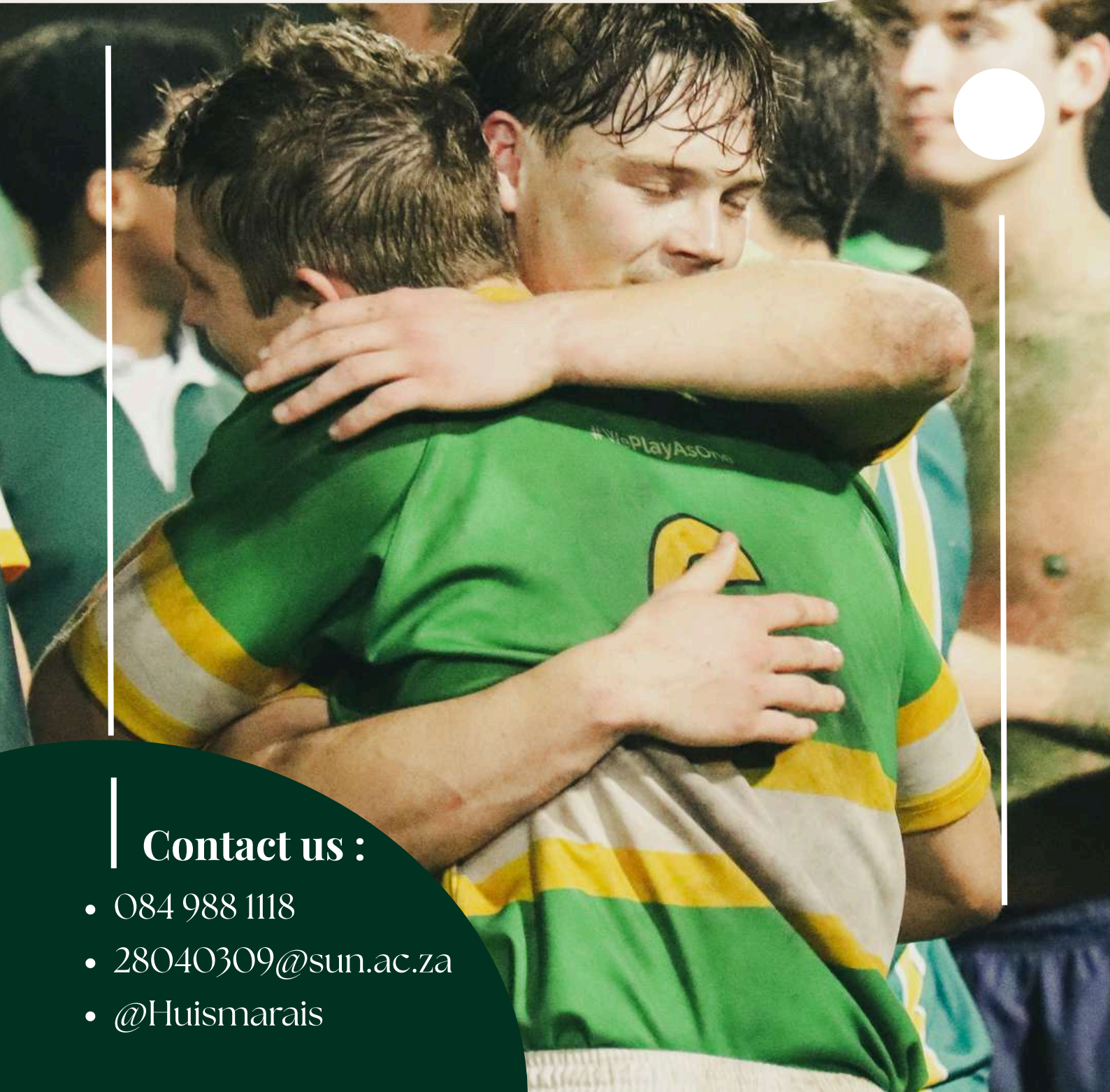


HUIS MARAIS

WELCOMING BOOKLET



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Huis Marais



ABOUT YOUR NEW HOME

Huis Marais has been an indispensable, integral part of Stellenbosch University since the residence's inception in 1947. The gentlemen of Huis Marais are bonded together through the residence's values: fellowship, respect, accountability, individuality, participation and presence. In recent years, Huis Marais has grown from strength to strength, by increasing its diversity and maintaining a high level of academic, cultural and sporting prowess in the university.

- Fellowship • Respect • Accountability
- Individuality • Participation • Presence



18 Bosman Road Stellenbosch

MESSAGE FROM YOUR **PRIMARIAS**

Izan Coetzee

Dear Huis Marais Newcomers of 2026

Welcome! Welcome to Stellenbosch University! Welcome to Huis Marais! And welcome to your new home! We, the house committee, hope you are ready, and just as excited as we are for this year that lies ahead. We can't wait to show you your new home, and what it is all about. For me Huis Marais is not just a building, this is the place I miss over the holidays, a place where I feel I belong and a place that pushes me to be better every day.

In Huis Marais it is important that we build long lasting deep connections through greeting each other every time we see one another. We eat, laugh, study, play sports, cry and dream together, and with small everyday things we transform Huis Marais into the very special place, like no other.

Just like our motto says, we as Huismanne always "strive towards a definite goal", by living out our six values - Fellowship, Respect, Accountability, Participation, Individuality and Presence. Whether we are on the sport field, in the theatre or studying, a Huisman always strives towards that definite goal.

Huis Marais might not be the biggest res, with the most residents, but we have the biggest hearts. Because of this we compete and succeed at the highest level across all areas the university has to offer. Huis Marais has gees and pride, we are all over campus with our green merch, we are always hyped next to the sport fields, and the gees at lunch when we play quad cricket is electric. I am excited to welcome each of you as a new Huisman and can't wait for you to make as many great memories here as I have. I wish you all safe travels, see you soon!

Huisgroete/Greetings.

Izan Coetzee

Primarius 2025/26



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Meet the HC

Izan Coetzee

Primarias

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- DISCIPLINE
- INTERNAL RELATIONS
- EXTERNAL RELATIONS

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Adriaan Roets

Vice - Primarias

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- HOUSE DANCE
- PARKING

STUDIES:

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Simthembile Mkhize

House Committee

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- CRITICAL ENGAGEMENT
- INTERNAL RELATIONS
- TRANSFORMATION

STUDIES:

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Declan Shearer

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ROLES:

- ACADEMICS
- SOCIAL MEDIA
- CLUSTER

STUDIES:

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Adriaan Venter

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ROLES:

- FINANCE
- EVENTS
- SOCIAL IMPACT

STUDIES:

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House Committee

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- MERCH
- WELCOMING
- NEWCOMERS

STUDIES:

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Jandré Scholtz

House Committee

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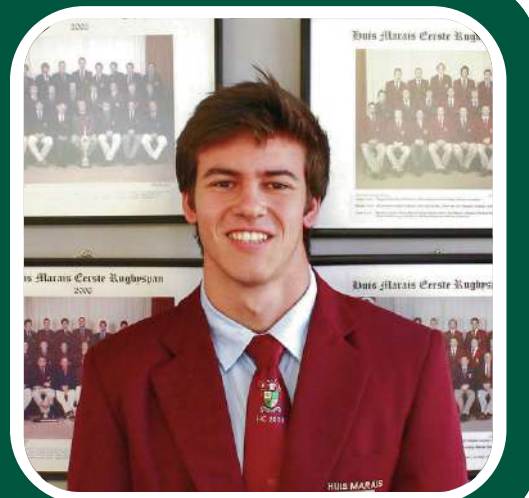
- SECRETARY
- KITCHEN

STUDIES:

- 3RD YEAR, HUMAN LIFE SCIENCES

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Keno Raath

House Committee

ROLES:

- CLUB, SOCIALS, QUAD
- ALUMNI, SPONSORS
- PRE-WELCOMING

STUDIES:

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Janiel Klotz

House Committee

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- ROOMPOINTS
- IBN / DERBY
- CULTURE

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ROLES:

- RUGBY
- VENSTERS
- SENIORS

STUDIES:

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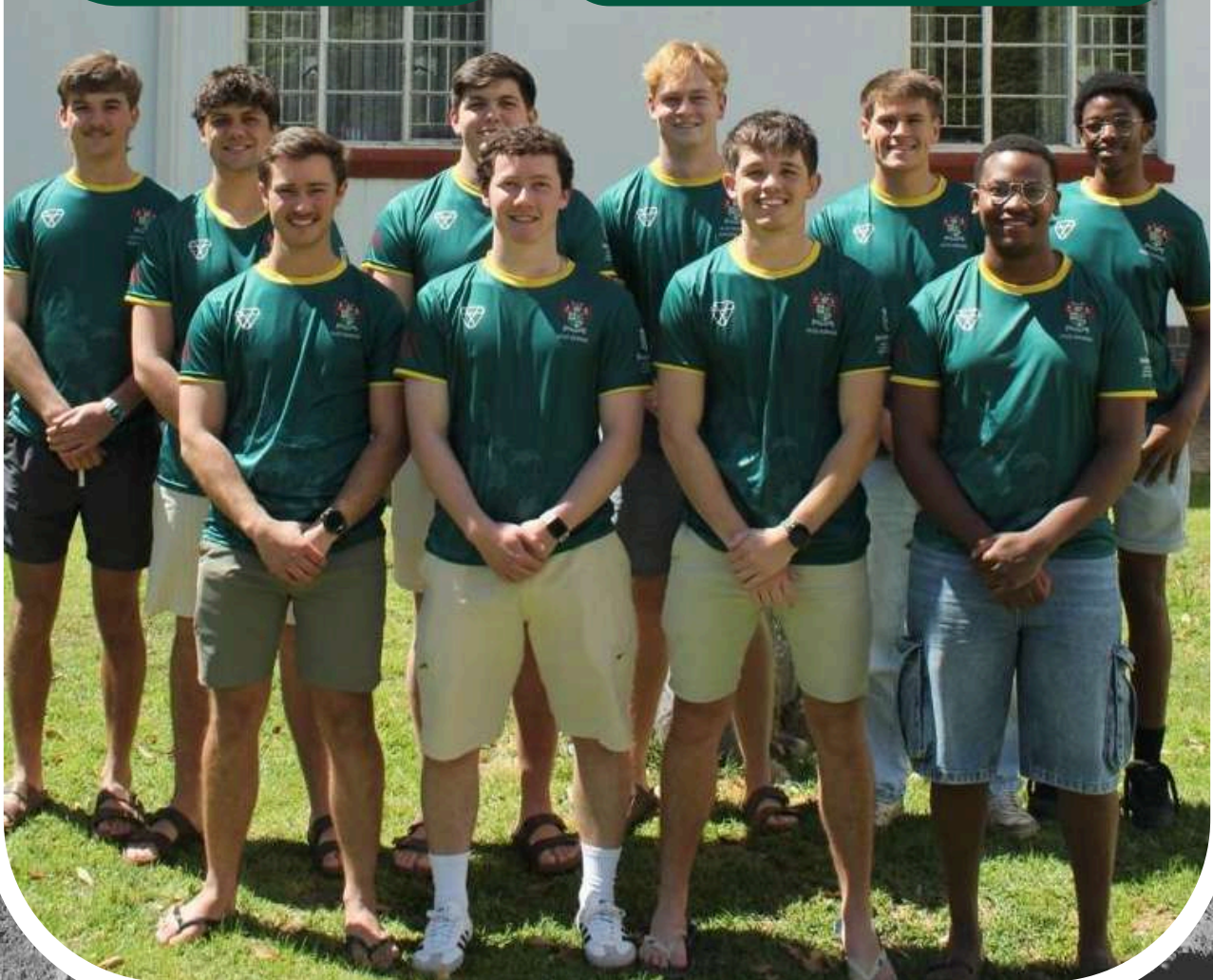
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2026 MENTORS

1. OFENTSE MOPOSHO
2. TOM JACOBS
3. PIETER DE VILLIERS
4. CHRIS FOURIE
5. MURDOCH VAN WYK
6. GABRIE LOUBSER
7. TIAAN SERFONFEIN
8. ISAK DE WET
9. SIPELELE BAWUSHANA
10. ETHAN VLISMAS

A mentor is someone who uses their experience, insight, and support to help another person grow. They don't give all the answers, but rather guide, challenge, and encourage you to find them yourself. A mentor listens, offers perspective, and helps you navigate academic, personal, or professional challenges with confidence. Most importantly, a mentor creates a space where you feel supported, capable, and motivated to become the best version of yourself.



OUR CORE VALUES

01.

FELLOWSHIP

This value encourages the residents of Huis Marais to act in compassion and consideration to one another. care for each other and respect our house like a home.

02.

RESPECT

A Huisman respects himself, his fellow Huisman, and the building in which he lives.

03.

ACCOUNTABILITY

As Huismanne we are accountable for maintaining ourselves and our shared facilities. We must be willing to give account to our fellow house members.

04.

INDIVIDUALITY

A Huisman has the freedom to build himself up by using the opportunities that the University has to offer, if the other values of Huis Marais are kept in consideration.

05.

PARTICIPATION

Every Huisman has the responsibility to have a part in Huis Marais and to keep the name of Huis Marais high in every activity in which he partakes (this value is under consideration for internal changes).

05.

PRESENCE

This value serves to motivate every Huisman to not only participate in activities, but to be present in every moment.



THE STONE OF SCONE

FUN FACT:

Every year, we burn the rock as a tradition symbolising seniors becoming alumni and newcomers stepping into their new role as seniors.



THE STORY

The following is the history regarding the stone planted in the ground at the front of the hostel.

This particular stone, the Stone of Scone, was once the basis of a throne of a king in Scotland. Piet "Spiere" du Toit was in the Springbok Rugby team while being a resident at Huis Marais.

When the Springboks, including Piet, went to Scotland to play rugby, he stole the Stone of Scone from underneath the king's throne and swam with it on his back, back to South Africa.

Piet was so strong, that he planted the Stone of Scone into the ground with his bare hand, by bashing it into the ground!

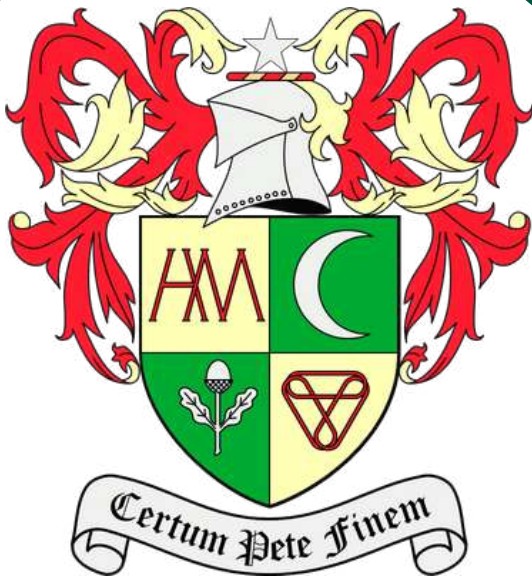
And that is how the Stone of Scone came to be. HUIS MARAIS

HM

This symbolises the Huis Marais name.

CRESCENT MOON

This symbolises the Huis Marais family

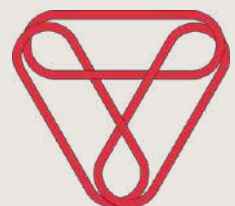


OAK TREE

This symbolises the Stellenbosch community.

THE THREE LINKS

1. Academics
2. Spirituality
3. Social



OUR LOGO

THE MOTTO

Latin: CERTUM PETE FINEM


English: To strive towards a definitive goal.

OUR

Huis Marais




HISTORY

 Huis Marais: A Legacy of Tradition & Triumph
Huis Marais is a residence with a rich history, deeply rooted in tradition.


 1947 – Huis Marais is founded.

 First Primarius: Tobie de Klerk.

 1950 – HM wins the Sauer Rugby Championship for the first time.

Since then, Huis Marais has become the residence with the most Sauer titles in Stellenbosch – currently 14.

 2021 – SU Acapella: Runners-up.

 2023 – Residence Tennis Tournament Champions.

 2023 – Most recent Sauer rugby win.

 2024 & 2025 – Squash Sauer Champions.

 2025 – Hockey: Runners-up.

 2025 – Campus Cricket League Winners.

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THE CORRIDORS OF HUIS MARIAS

HUIS MARAIS HAS 15 CORRIDORS WITH THE NEW AND OLD SEPERATED BY A BRIDGE, EACH WITH ITS OWN NAME, IDENTITY, AND TRADITIONS. TOGETHER, THEY FORM THE BROTHERHOOD WE PROUDLY CALL HUIS MARAIS.

THE CORRIDOR NAMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

OLD BUILDING

1ST FLOOR:

WYNROETE • ONDERGANG •
STOELGANG

2ND FLOOR:

GRONDPAD • OLD SOAKS •
DOWNING STREET • PADAFDRAAI

3RD FLOOR:

PERDESTRASSE • VOGLESTRASSE
• DIE BABELAS PAS • DIE LAAN

4TH FLOOR:

DIE MIS



NEW BUILDING

1ST FLOOR:

NAGSKOF

2ND FLOOR:

BRANDEWYN BOELEVARD

3RD FLOOR:

MALAN MYL



✦✦ FUN FACTS ABOUT YOUR NEW HOME ✦✦

Here are some interesting things to know about Huis Marais:

👤✈️ PAST PRIMS

2025: TIAN MÜLLER
2025: IZAN COETZEE
2024: ZACK DANIEL VAN ZYL
2023: HEINRICH POTGIETER
2022: JACO JOUBERT
2021: ALBERT VAN ZYL
2020: STANDER TERBLANCHE



🎓 FAMOUS OLD BOYS

CHRIS SMITH — BULLS FLYHALF
MARAIS ERASMUS — WORLD-RENOWNED CRICKET UMPIRE
GINIEL DE VILLIERS — 2009 DAKAR RALLY WINNER

🦌 SPRINGBOK CAPTAINS FROM HUIS MARAIS

AVRIL MALAN — 1960
ALBIE MALAN — 1963
HANNES MARAIS — 1971

🐎 THE HUIS MARAIS HORSES

HENNIE HORSE
HENDRIENA HORSE — HENNIE'S MARE
HENDRIK LE KOTA HORSE — SECOND FOAL
CONTADOR HORSE — HENNIE'S BROTHER

🧱 Fun Facts

There are 12 567.5 tiles on the roof of Huis Marais.

Your dorm room



🏠 WHAT'S IN YOUR ROOM

BED
DESK
CUPBOARD
ETHERNET PORT

🏠 WHAT'S IN RES

SHARED KITCHENETTE IN EACH CORRIDOR
URN
BASIN
CUPBOARD SPACE
FRIDGES

📦 WHAT TO BRING ALONG

🏠 BEDDING
DUVET
PILLOW
SHEETS

🧴 PERSONAL ITEMS
TOILETRIES
SUNSCREEN
MEDICATION

🍽️ FOOD & KITCHEN
FOOD

EATING UTENSILS
HOT PLATE (IF COOKING YOUR
OWN FOOD)
CLEANING EQUIPMENT
(SUNLIGHT, SPONGE, ETC.)
WASHING POWDER

📚 PRACTICAL ESSENTIALS
2× TENNIS BALLS
STATIONERY
LOCK
CHARGER
ETHERNET CABLE
EXTENSION CORD
HANGERS

🍷 OPTIONAL APPLIANCES
FRIDGE
FAN
IRON
AIRFRYER
MICROWAVE

⚠️ IMPORTANT

ALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR NAME

THERE IS A COMMUNAL MICROWAVE IN THE DINING

DOUBLE ROOM (ONDERGANG 1030)



SINGLE ROOM (NAGSKOF 2020)



DREAMWALK '25



MOVE IN DAY



IMPORTANT WELCOMING DATES

 26 JAN 2025

LAW STUDENTS MOVE IN
FROM 14:00 ONWARDS

 27 JAN 2025

ALL OTHER NEWCOMERS MOVE IN
FROM 08:00 ONWARDS
WELCOMING CEREMONY
16:00–17:00

- PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED AND WARMLY WELCOME TO ATTEND.

 28 JAN 2025

DANIE CRAVEN WELCOMING
16:00–19:00

- OFFICIAL WELCOMING BY THE RECTOR
- PARENTS WILL BE SEATED SEPARATELY FROM NEWCOMERS

CHECKLIST

- R450 FOR WELCOMING MERCHANDISE PACK
- 2× TENNIS BALLS
- SUIT AND TIE
- ITEMS FOR SOCIAL IMPACT OUTREACH:
 - SANITARY PRODUCTS
 - TOOTH PASTE
 - SOAP
 - OTHER HYGIENE ITEMS
- BLACK AND WHITE T-SHIRT
- SHORTS (GREY OR BLACK)
- JEANS
- RUBBISH BAGS & PLASTIC BAGS
- MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS (IF YOU PLAY ANY)
- THERE WILL BE A CULTURE SOCIAL WHERE YOU CAN SHOW OFF YOUR TALENTS
- SUITABLE WALKING SHOES / TEKKIES
- BLACK MARKER
- FOR LABELLING YOUR BELONGINGS
- FORMAL SHIRT AND CHINOS (OPTIONAL BLAZER AND TIE)

WHATSAPP GROUP:



PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK TO JOIN THE
WHATSAPP GROUP FOR THE HUIS MARAIS
NEWCOMERS AS THERE WILL BE OTHER
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SENT ON IT
DURING THE PERIOD LEADING UP TO
WELCOMING.

SCAN ME!



Welcome to Validus Cluster

Friendship Camaraderie Innovation

Hey Matie!

Congratulations on your conditional acceptance to Stellenbosch University, we are delighted to extend a warm welcome to the Validus Cluster.



What's a Cluster?

Clusters are student communities designed to support your academic and personal growth. Clusters are friendly, engaging, and inclusive spaces full of opportunities to connect and network. Each of these factors will make your university experience truly exceptional.

About Validus Cluster

Our Cluster includes Khayaletu, Goldfields, Simonsberg, Academia, Olympus, Huis Marais, ISA and Huis Visser, bringing our diverse communities together into one Validus Family.

Meet the team



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You will be familiarised with our Social Media Manager and Relationships & Admin Liaison during welcoming.

We look forward to meeting you!!

Eco-friendly living

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

Water

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

Energy

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

Transport

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

Waste

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

Get involved

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

CLUSTER NEWCOMERS

ATHLETICS DAY

COETZENBURG ATHLETICS
STADIUM

5 FEBRUARY 2026 17:30 - 20:30



PRESENTED BY THE CENTRE FOR
STUDENT LIFE AND LEARNING AND
MATIES SPORT

