

Majuba Men's Residence  
**Welcoming Booklet 2026**



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MEN OF PURPOSE

VicMeyr Cluster  
Stellenbosch University  
Stellenbosch  
South Africa



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## Letter from the Primarius

Dear Future Majubaan,

Congratulations on your placement at Majuba Men's Residence and Stellenbosch University!

The same hard work and perseverance that has allowed you to be placed in Majuba will continue to determine your success at university. But this opportunity is a privilege, not a right.

University life can feel daunting at first—it's your first real step into the adult world. But it can also be one of the best times of your life. You'll be surrounded by unique opportunities, no matter who you are, where you're from, or what you enjoy. There's something here for everyone. All you need to do is keep an open mind, adjust your attitude, and immerse yourself in the potential of the growth that every opportunity may hold.

When the day comes that you leave this residence and university with a recognized degree, I hope you'll look back and wish to relive it all (maybe skipping the studying part!).

Majuba will become your new home, and while it might feel scary to adjust to living away from home, remember this: you are part of a family of 154 brothers. Each of them comes from a different background, studies a different degree, and has unique interests. Make the effort to connect, make new friends, and get to know the people around you. There's a place for everyone here. Take your time to adapt and settle in, and know that your mentors, House Committee members, and peers are here to support you every step of the way.

Our leadership team has worked hard to create a welcoming program designed to help you adjust to Stellenbosch and university life. We hope it makes settling into Majuba easy, becomes an unforgettable experience, and that you leave the welcoming period filled with excitement for the rest of your journey here.

To help us give you the best experience possible, we've included a profile for you to complete. This will help us get to know you better and tailor the welcoming program to suit you.

I understand this time can feel overwhelming. High school is ending, university is approaching fast, and things can be unclear. That's why I want to emphasise that I myself and the entire leadership team are here for you.

If you have any questions—whether about your studies, your arrival, or campus life—please don't hesitate to contact me. While I might not have all the answers, I'll be able to guide you in the right direction and ensure you get the help you need.

Witduif (White Dove) Greetings,

Vriendelike groete | Ngemibuliso emihle | Kind regards



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## Welcoming Period

We would like to congratulate you on earning your place in Majuba Men's Residence. It goes without saying that acceptance into a residence at Stellenbosch University is a privilege. Furthermore, given a place in Majuba...an even greater one!

You will be allowed to move into Majuba on 27 January 2026 between 9:00 and 17:00. A form will be sent out where you can book a 1-hour timeslot in which you will be able to move your belongings into your room. Please stick to your selected slot. We would also like to invite you and your parents/guardians to a dinner on 27 January 2026 at 18:00 in our dining hall, the Silie.

What to expect:

The Welcoming period takes place from 26 January 2026 to 08 February 2026. In this time, each residence follows their own in-house welcoming program designed by the leadership to integrate the newcomers with each other, their residence and the university campus as much as possible. Connect 2026, a yearly event held to celebrate the welcoming of the new students, will also take place in this time. Majuba's program will be led by two welcoming leaders, the house committee (HC) and mentors. The Welcoming period and newcomers will also be under the supervision of the University and residence head, Dr Dawid Mouton.

Our program is designed not to intimidate, but rather to give newcomers a sense of belonging and comfort in their new living space and the residence brotherhood we have in Majuba. We achieve this with participation in various activities, involving the leadership and other Stellenbosch University residences, while teaching the newcomers about the many Majuba traditions, values and history.

Please note that, for your convenience, during the welcoming period, all meals will be managed by the welcoming team, and washing will be done in a timely manner.

Connect is the new name for "Vensters". It is an outdoor theatre event, where different residences compete for the title of Connect Winners 2026. All newcomers are involved in the dance/drama production, and the event is always well-enjoyed by the participants and spectators alike. Connect practice takes place throughout the welcoming period and in these times, newcomers practice their performance with their allocated Connect partners. Majuba, Olympus CSC and Erica have been paired for Connect 2026.

Newcomers, it takes hard work to be given an opportunity like this. You have earned it, now you must chase it. We are honored to welcome you into Majuba and equip you with skills to use for the rest of your university career. We can't wait to meet you.

Witduif Greetings,

*The Welcoming Team*



## Mentor Program

Dear prospective Majubaan,

My name is Joshua Corbett and I am the Head Mentor at Majuba Men's Residence for 2026. My mentor team and I are super excited to meet you and guide you through this transitional and exciting phase of your life.

One of the first things you will notice about Majuba is the strong sense of belonging, the feeling that you're part of something bigger than yourself. At the same time, we place equal emphasis on you as an individual to find your unique place, group, and identity within the residence. Our number one priority as mentors is to accustom, guide, and motivate you during the adjustment that is university life, together with all its academic, social, cultural, and maturing challenges.

To support this, we run a structured mentor programme. Each first-year student will be assigned to a vetted and elected member of the house (your "mentor"). These mentors have your absolute best interests at heart and are eager to get to know each of you personally. They will be guiding you throughout the welcoming period and continue to be with you and offer support in your respective sections of res for the rest of the year.

Upon receiving your CV's, your assigned mentor will also reach out personally. Please feel free (parents included) to contact them regarding any concerns or questions you may have regarding the move-in process.

All the best with the year to come, we look forward to meeting you!

Witduif greetings,

Vriendelike groete | Ngemibuliso emihle | Kind regards



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## Strategic Advisor

Dearest Newcomer,

I am Chelsea Smith, your Strategic Advisor for the 2025/2026 leadership term. The purpose of a Strategic Advisor is to support the House Committee by offering a clear, external, third-person perspective in all discussions and decisions made regarding Majuba Men's Residence. This role ensures that Majuba avoids closed-minded thinking, allows for the easy identification of areas for improvement within Majuba and promotes innovative, thoughtful and inclusive thinking.

My advice starts now: live in the moment. The welcoming period is approximately ten days. Ten days that can change your university experience for the better; ten days during which you meet lifelong friends and, lastly, ten days where you discover what it means to be a Majubaan.

Vriendelike groete | Ngemibuliso emihle | Kind regards



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## Welcoming Clothing

Dear future Majubaan,

As an incoming first year you will be required to purchase some items of clothing for the Welcoming period which you will use for the rest of your time in Majuba.

You will need to purchase the following items:

- Majuba Newcomer shirt
- Majuba cap
- Majuba tie
- Majuba glass badge
- Majuba brown jacket

The total price for the clothing is R800. Payment can be made on the day of arrival. The payment will need to be made in two split amounts, namely:

- R200 cash
- The remaining R675 via card or SnapScan.

If you are unable to pay the R675 via card/SnapScan, please send me an email beforehand so that I may send you instructions on how to make an EFT payment.

Please note that if you are unable to afford the above amount, there are potentially ways that we may be able to work something out. I however can only provide assistance if you inform me beforehand so that I can make the necessary arrangements.

Excited to meet you!

Vriendelike groete | Ngemibuliso emihle | Kind regards



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## To Bring List

A lot is planned for your Welcoming Period. Part of it requires that you have the items listed below. Note that these are items which you should try to bring over and above the usual things that you would bring. We request that you try your best to get everything on the list as it will ultimately mean you get to take part in and enjoy all that we have planned for you.

If for whatever reason you are unable to get one or more of the items below, please reach out to any of the House Committee members or Mentors. They'll gladly try to assist you where they can.

If you are unsure about anything, same thing goes. Get in touch with one of them and they'll attend to your concern.

## Clothing

- 3 plain white t-shirts
- 2 pairs of khaki shorts (Chino shorts or similar)
- A pair of sneakers (exercise shoes)
- A navy blazer
- A pair of khaki chino trousers (long pants)
- A light blue, long sleeved formal collared shirt
- A black belt
- A pair of black formal shoes
- Two pairs of black formal socks
- 1 pair of baggies/board shorts (swimming shorts)

## General

- A reusable bottle for drinking water and enough sunscreen (Summer in Stellenbosch is quite harsh).
- 3 tennis balls (that are suitable for tennis/cricket).
- All rooms include a bed with a mattress (excluding bedding), desk, dustbin, chair, bookshelf, and wardrobe. Feel free to bring anything you might deem necessary. Useful to start out with is a fridge, microwave, fan, a set of cutlery and crockery. All these items can be bought when you are in Stellenbosch in the days leading up to your moving in.



Figure 1: Unfurnished standard room for newcomers, built-in closet not in photo

## Extra Mural Activities

There's lots to do during your time in Majuba. We partake in a number of sporting codes and over and beyond that, there are amazing hiking and mountain bike trails, gyms, E-sport and lots of other activities that you can join and do while on campus. Keep this in mind for when you're packing and add your gear and equipment to the list – especially if you're travelling from far.

### Sport

- Rugby
- Soccer
- Hockey
- Tennis
- Table Tennis
- Squash
- Cricket
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Chess
- Padel
- Golf
- Run Clubs



Majuba also has its own humble gym, the MajuGym. It has all you need to keep in tip top shape. Ideas of what to bring: togs, racquets, cricket kit, hockey kit, spikes, throwing shoes, etc.

## **Culture**

- Toneelfees (Theatre Production)
- SUAcapella (Acapella Competition)
- Mollaseser (Acapella Competition)
- Culture Evenings
- Debating

Ideas of what to bring: musical instruments (guitar, saxophone, etc.)

## **General**

There are many different activities that take place, and we believe there is something for everyone. For a small glimpse into some of the activities feel free to go look at and follow our [Instagram](#) page.

## Definitions and Terminology

Some terminology that you will encounter going forward.

### Primarius and Vice-Primarius

The Primarius of Majuba, or *Prim*, is responsible for the management of the house as a whole and is the head of the house committee. The Primarius is also in charge of communications with the external management of the University of Stellenbosch.

The Primarius is assisted by the Vice-Primarius. The Vice-Primarius oversees discipline and safety within the house.

The Primarius for 2026 is Jacobus Smuts (062 857 2179) and the Vice-Primarius is Armand Pentz (082 219 3794).

### House Committee

The House Committee (HC or HK) of Majuba is made up of 10 elected members from the residence including the Primarius and Vice-Primarius. The HK runs the Connect events and activities, and aids in the day-to-day running of the house and events throughout the year. A HC member is assigned to each section of the res, and serves the members of that section, seeing to their well-being and representing their interests in the res as well as at a university level.

### Mentors

A mentor is assigned to each newcomer to help them with their academic, social and personal life where possible.

Mentors are senior members of the res and are available to the newcomers throughout the year for assistance, or just for a chat about how things are going.

### Resident Head

The residence head (inwonende hoof) is a university-employed individual, in charge of working with the Primarius and House Committee to run the house as efficiently as possible according to University policies and procedures.

Majuba's residence head is Dr. Dawid Mouton.

### Quaddies

The term used for getting together most afternoons in the Majuba quad and enjoyably playing quad soccer or quad cricket if individuals wish to do so.

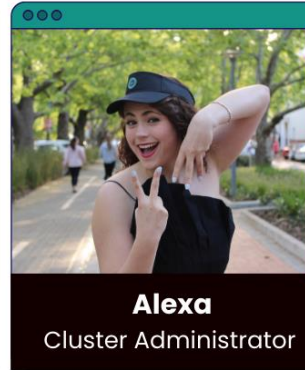


## **Section**

The general name for sections (gange) in Majuba; there are eight in total: *Beaujolais, Koelewijn, Piccadilly, VVO, Communique, Kerkstraat, Haak en Steek* and *Klipdrift*. In addition, there are four smaller sections, *Daktuin, LOBE*, and the *Prim Flat*.

## **Stay-in Weekend**

There are four quarterly stay-in weekends (innaweeke) that all have a specific theme and are packed with incredibly enjoyable activities and traditions.



Wie kuier? VicMeyr

# VICMEYR CLUSTER

**Welcome to the VicMeyr Cluster!**

Welkom by die VicMey Kluster! Wamkelekile kwiqela lendibano leVicMeyr

VicMeyr unites six communities: Aurora, Dagbreek, Majuba, Minerva, Lydia, and Huis ten Bosch, all linked between Victoria and Hofmeyr Street.

We're a collaborative, inclusive space where students connect across communities, share experiences, and build meaningful relationships. Each community brings its own character, and together we're stronger.

We'll see you at Cluster Day and Cluster Athletics- good luck with welcoming!



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# VICMEYR SONGS

**Oh VicMeyr**  
**Ooh oh oh VicMeyr x4 (at least)** SONG 1

**Wie maak die jol vol**  
**Wie maak die jol vol**  
**VicMeyr maak die jol vol** SONG 2  
**Yaaaaaa (with beat)**

**Masambe VicMeyr**  
**Let's go VicMeyr!**  
**Masambe**  
**Masambe** SONG 3  
**Masambe VicMeyr**  
**SUKANI SUKANI (hip movements)**



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