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# MONICA

*Welcoming Booklet 2026*



Monica cannot wait to welcome you!

# **WELCOME TO MONICA!**

**The university experience is a very special one and we are so excited to welcome you to Monica.**

**We can assure you that every Monicaner is dedicated to making your experience as unique and special as theirs was!**

**This booklet serves the purpose of giving you an idea of what to expect when you move-in and join our residence.**

**We hope this booklet sparks some excitement!**

**Please note: NONE OF THE MENTIONED ITEMS IN THIS BOOKLET ARE COMPULSORY, they just serve as suggestions. Kindly reach out to your welcoming leader if you have any questions about what you would need!**

# An Introduction to Monica

**Monica Residence has been home to 132 students yearly since 1926 in the heart of Stellenbosch. As the smallest and second oldest female residence on campus, we take pride in the fact that we have hosted over 12 600 young students over the years. Our residence is located between Wilgenhof and Harmonie and lies at the doorstep of the Conservatorium. We have marvelous views of the Stellenbosch Botanical Gardens as it is situated right behind our residence. Our beautiful home was renovated in 2019, and 2023 marked the first year of our hub being open. The Hub is a study centre with a deli right at our doorstep for our Cluster to make use of. You can also access the Neelsie, Eikestad mall and the SU museum, all within a quick 5 minute walk.**

**Don't let our small size fool you - dynamite comes in small packages. As a residence, we are devoted to making each student feel seen, included and valued. We regard our newcomers as young adults joining our home on their quest to graduation. We want each Monicaner to feel that their time in residence has contributed something to their lives that wasn't there before. Our House values are, humility, integrity, respect, passion and unity. These values lie at the core of each Monicaner.**



# OUR MASCOT



this is Umdla, a beaded butterfly, our lovely mascot! (#weloveumdla)

*“Umdla” means passion and represents Monica’s unity and zest for life!*





# OUR VALUES



*Monica's core values are:*

**UNITY**

**RESPECT**

**HUMILITY**

**INTEGRITY**

**PASSION**

**"U-R-HIP!"**



# 100 years of Monica!

In 2026, we are honoured to be **celebrating MONICA'S 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!** We can't wait to celebrate a century of Monicaner sisterhood!! From cherished traditions to brand-new adventures, you'll be part of a milestone year filled with Monica magic, and the start of memories that will last a lifetime!



Monica est 1926

# Meet your welcoming leaders!

Dear Monicaner

First of all, congratulations on getting accepted into Monica, we are so excited to meet you soon!

Monica is such a special place and truly feels like home!

We have a super fun and exciting welcoming programme planned to help you, our 2026 Newcomers, to integrate into our community and to give you a feel of what life is like at Stellenbosch University.

You are more than welcome to contact us if you have any questions or uncertainties!!

Christine Delpont:  
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Nanette Malan  
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**Nanette**



**Christine**

# Our Residential Head



Monica Du Toit

Monica lives in the house connected to our residence with her husband and beautiful daughters. They all form a part of our Monica family and have an open-door policy!

Dear Newcomer,

You are the missing piece in our 2026 puzzle that will complete the Monica community. We are so excited to meet you. It is my sense that this community prides itself in creating an environment that is truly interested in who you are rather than “fitting” in.

This is also a very special year for Monica Residence, as we celebrate 100 years of existence. As you join us in this milestone moment, you become part of a legacy of women who shaped this community over a century. We are excited that your incoming group will have the unique opportunity to look back on where we come from and look forward to what we can offer the women of the future.

I am so pleased with the team of leaders and mentors that will guide the way, especially because they understand what it means to navigate all the changes brought about in university life.

There is nothing more rewarding than watching our students find their voice and, in turn, become the drivers of a resilient and compassionate community that is truly reflective of the spirit of our country and continent.

We are counting the days in anticipation of your arrival!

Monica du Toit, Residential Head



# Meet the House Committee ✨

## WHAT IS THE HOUSE COMMITTEE?

The House Committee is the leadership body of our Residence. We are a team consisting of ten members, including the Primaria, Vice-Primaria and Head Mentor. As the representative council for Monica Residence, the House Committee offers leadership as a tool to help the voices within our community be heard. Each House Committee member has portfolios that we are responsible for and serve as facilitators to help residents achieve their goals.

This team should not be seen as 'prefects', but rather students who have offered up their time to lead our house. Our House Committee team is elected by the whole house and serve a term of 12 months under the guidance of the Primaria (Head of the House Committee), Vice-Primaria and our Residential head.

## NICE THINGS TO TELL YOUR PARENTS

- There is a HC member that lives in every section
- There is a HC member on duty (standby) every day (including weekends)
- An HC member locks the doors of the balconies and laundry room every night and unlocks them in the mornings. (The main door stays activated for you to open at all hours with your student card)
- The HC run an initiative called "The Saint Monica Box", where we provide some essentials, like sanitary products, for those in need
- Many of the HC members live far away from home too, so we can keep you company over the weekends.



# Your House Committee 2026





## Our Primaria Sadé George

Dearest Monicaner,

Congratulations! You've worked hard to reach this incredible moment, and now you're standing at the beginning of an unforgettable journey—as a Matie and, most importantly, a Monicaner.

As you get ready for what's ahead, welcome to what we truly believe will be The Best Days of Your Life. University is a time of exploration, growth, and discovery. It's an adventure—sometimes exhilarating, sometimes challenging—but through it all, remember: you belong here, and Monica is ready to embrace you with open arms.

Monica is more than just a residence; it's a community that feels like home. From warm smiles in the hallways to late-night study sessions, from offering support in academics to friendships that feel like family—this place is filled with memories waiting to be made. The Monicaners who welcomed me became my family, my anchors, and my lifelong friends. Now, it's your turn to be part of this legacy.

Settling into a new environment can feel different for everyone. For some, it's instant; for others, it takes time. Take the time you need to make this place yours. Remember, your mentors, house committee members, and fellow Monicaners are all here to help you find your footing and to make every moment memorable. If you're ever uncertain about anything—academics, campus life, or just finding your way—reach out. We're here to help you navigate this journey and make it everything you hope for and more.

Get ready to learn, laugh and make memories to last a lifetime. We're beyond excited to welcome you home to the best days of your life. So let's unlock new adventures and new friendships.

All the Monica love,  
Sadé George



## Our Vice Primaria Madison Swanevelder

Dear Monicaner,

Welcome to your new home away from home. My wish for you is that this place can offer you exactly that - a place of belonging and comfort while you embark on a journey into the unknown realm of adulthood and of adventure.

Monica (as a residence and like any space) is just an exterior shell of what it means to be in Monica. Monica, at her core, is her people. Now, you, too, form part of what that means and you can make all the difference.

Remember: you are here for a reason. That reason may be the fact that you are capable (as you have already proven yourself to be simply by being here) or that this place yet has lessons to teach you - or, you have lessons to teach us.

Either way, we welcome you with open arms and I cannot wait to see what you do with the time that is given to you here.

With all my love,  
Madison





## SADÉ GEORGE

AGE: 22

PRONOUNS: She/her

LANGUAGE(S): Afrikaans & English

HOMETOWN: Bonnievale, WC

DEGREE: BA Humanities

PORTFOLIOS: Prim, Constitution & Policy,  
Discipline, External relations, Alumni

FAVOURITE STUDY SNACK: Redbull & Oreos

DREAM SUPERPOWER: Telepathy & Mindreading

WHICH MOVIE/SERIES CHARACTER ARE YOU?

Katniss (The Hunger Games)

FAVOURITE PIECE OF ADVICE: The journey  
might test you, but the destination will reward  
you, remember nothing is too ambitious, chase  
your dreams fearlessly, you were built to rise and  
to take up space.



## MADISON SWANEVELDER

AGE: 20

PRONOUNS: She/her

LANGUAGE(S): English & Afrikaans

HOMETOWN: Durbanville, WC

DEGREE: BA (Language & Culture)

PORTFOLIOS: Vice-Primaria, Interior

FAVOURITE STUDY SNACK: Baked beans

DREAM SUPERPOWER: Predicting every exam to  
a tea.

WHICH MOVIE/SERIES CHARACTER ARE YOU?

Bibble from Barbie

FAVOURITE PIECE OF ADVICE: It is no bad thing  
to celebrate a simple life (Tolkien)



AGE: 20

PRONOUNS: She/her

LANGUAGE(S): Afrikaans & English

HOMETOWN: Rustenburg, NW

DEGREE: BSc Biomedical Mathematical Science

PORTFOLIOS: Welcoming, Social Impact and Culture

FAVOURITE STUDY SNACK: Pretzels and M&Ms

DREAM SUPERPOWER: To be able to play every instrument.

WHICH MOVIE/SERIES CHARACTER ARE YOU?

Mr. Weenie from Open Season

FAVOURITE PIECE OF ADVICE: Don't take things too seriously, everything will work out how it should.

## Nanette Malan



## Christine Delport

AGE: 19

PRONOUNS: She/her

LANGUAGE(S): Afrikaans & English

HOMETOWN: Durbanville, WC

DEGREE: BCom Law

PORTFOLIOS: Welcoming, Secretary, First Year's Committee

FAVOURITE STUDY SNACK: Popcorn

DREAM SUPERPOWER: To be able to time travel so I can relive all of my favourite memories!

WHICH MOVIE/SERIES CHARACTER ARE YOU? A

mix of Monica and Rachel from Friends

FAVOURITE PIECE OF ADVICE:

Stay kind, even when it isn't returned. Protect your softness and speak gently but firmly in your faith.

Love greatly because the Lord loved us first, trust in His timing to be given a future of hope!

AGE: 20

PRONOUNS: She/her

LANGUAGE(S): English

HOMETOWN: Sandton, JHB

DEGREE: BSc Computer Science (Focal Area: Data Science)

PORTFOLIOS: Critical engagement, Merchandise, Maintenance

FAVOURITE STUDY SNACK: Gummy sweets

DREAM SUPERPOWER: Teleportation (I love to travel)

WHICH MOVIE/SERIES CHARACTER ARE

YOU? Robin (Stranger Things)

FAVOURITE PIECE OF ADVICE: You can't give your life more time, so give your time more life.

## Kaira Naidoo





## Lenè Janse van Rensburg

AGE: 19

PRONOUNS: She/her

LANGUAGE(S): Afrikaans & English

HOMETOWN: Paarl, WC

DEGREE: BSc Molecular Biology and biotechnology (switching to Human Life Sciences)

PORTFOLIOS: Vensters, Social Media and Marketing, Events

FAVOURITE STUDY SNACK: Woolies soft gummies (ELITE) and the hubs R15 iced coffee (if you know you know)

DREAM SUPERPOWER: Teleportation

WHICH MOVIE/SERIES CHARACTER ARE YOU?

Sophie from Mamma Mia

FAVOURITE PIECE OF ADVICE: If you ever feel like you are drowning in the ocean of life, remember your saviour walks on water



AGE: 22

PRONOUNS: She/her

LANGUAGE(S): English

HOMETOWN: Kuils River, WC

DEGREE: Electrical and electronic engineering

PORTFOLIOS: Archives, Wellness, Cluster

FAVOURITE STUDY SNACK: Cheesy chips and a bar one

DREAM SUPERPOWER: Stopping time

WHICH MOVIE/SERIES CHARACTER ARE YOU?

Angelica, Hamilton

FAVOURITE PIECE OF ADVICE: If it's by divine love then it will be. Do your best and forget the rest.

## Benedict Ntambwe



## Jenna Damant

AGE: 20

PRONOUNS: She/her

LANGUAGE(S): Afrikaans & English

HOMETOWN: Bellville/Durbanville, WC

DEGREE: BCom (Management Sciences) Focal area: Investment Management

PORTFOLIOS: Seniors Committee & Gees; Sport; Derby

FAVOURITE STUDY SNACK: Popcorn/iced coffee

DREAM SUPERPOWER: Teleportation

WHICH MOVIE/SERIES CHARACTER ARE YOU?

Monica Geller from Friends

FAVOURITE PIECE OF ADVICE: Treat people the way you want to be treated!!



## Abigail Oberholzer

AGE: 21  
 PRONOUNS: She/her  
 LANGUAGE(S): English  
 HOMETOWN: Hermanus, WC  
 DEGREE: Bachelor of Data Science  
 PORTFOLIOS: Head Mentor, Academics and Internal Social Impact  
 FAVOURITE STUDY SNACK: Ginger biscuits  
 DREAM SUPERPOWER: Timetravel to visit all my favourite historical characters  
 WHICH MOVIE/SERIES CHARACTER ARE YOU? Elizabeth Bennet from Pride and Prejudice  
 FAVOURITE PIECE OF ADVICE: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom

AGE: 20  
 PRONOUNS: She/her  
 LANGUAGE(S): English  
 HOMETOWN: Johannesburg  
 DEGREE: BAcc  
 PORTFOLIOS: Socials, Finance, Connect  
 FAVOURITE STUDY SNACK:  
 DREAM SUPERPOWER: Mind reading  
 WHICH MOVIE/SERIES CHARACTER ARE YOU? Kiara from Outer Banks  
 FAVOURITE PIECE OF ADVICE: You only live once- so just have fun!



## Caitlyn Walbrugh



  
 Monica



# Meet the Mentors

## WHAT EXACTLY IS A "MENTOR"?

The Mentor program supported by Stellenbosch University is based upon John C. Crosby's definition of mentoring which is "a brain to pick, an ear to listen and a push in the right direction". At Monica, we value our mentors as tools to offer all-round support to our newcomers as we welcome them into our space. Each new Monicaner is assigned to a mentor with the vision of building relationships during welcoming to help ease the transition from school to university. There will be mentor sessions throughout the year that will focus on different wellness topics from academic- to social wellness. Your mentor will be the person you can go to for questions about your degree, the residence or about your overall wellbeing. The bottom line is that you'll never be alone because there will be someone looking out for you from day one.



# Meet our Head Mentor

Hello Monicaners!

Congratulations on your acceptance to Stellenbosch University and your placement in Monica! I know how hard you must have worked to get here and I am so glad that you have been placed in our community.

Welcome to Monica, one of the best residences on campus (in my humble opinion) and your home away from home for the next few years. Despite being one of the smallest residences on Campus, Monica creates a space for life-long friendships to be forged. Every late night chat, coffee on the balcony and debrief over dinner provides the perfect space to make memories that you will chuckle about in years to come.

The mentor team is excited to get to know you and are committed to making you feel welcomed in this new space. We will be there as you take your first few steps to give any help, advice or guidance that you may need. We know how daunting it can be, but just know; you're not doing it alone.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out. I'm so excited to meet you all!

Abigail Oberholzer

Abigail Oberholzer



**Age:** 21

**Pronouns:** she/her

**Languages:** English

**Hometown:** Hermanus, WC

**Degree:** Bachelor of Data Science

**Favourite study snack:**

Honey mustard pretzels

**Favourite word :** "Amazing"

**Favourite place in Stellenbosch:**

The banks of the Eerste Rivier

# The Mentors

Hayden Human



**Age:** 18

**Pronouns:** they/them

**Languages:** Afrikaans and English

**Hometown:** Gqeberha (PE)

**Degree:** BSc Human Life Sciences:  
Biology with Psychology

**Favourite study snack:** Rice Krispy  
Treats

**Favourite word:** "Ylang-ylang"

**Favourite place in Stellenbosch:**  
Botanical Gardens

Ahlume Makhobeni



**Age:** 19

**Pronouns:** she/her

**Languages:** IsiXhosa & English

**Hometown:** Cape Town, WC

**Degree:** BSc Molecular Biology and  
Biotechnology

**Favourite study snack:** Oreos, KitKat, ice  
cream, Redbull

**Favourite word:** "Slay"

**Favourite place in Stellenbosch:**  
The Dam

Lara Strydom



**Age:** 20

**Pronouns:** she/her

**Languages:** Afrikaans

**Hometown:** Cape Town, WC

**Degree:** Bsc Biotechnology and  
Molecular Biology

**Favourite study snack:**  
Chuckles

**Favourite word:** "Pan"

**Favourite place in Stellenbosch:**  
Die boomhuis

# The Mentors

Grace Burmeister-Nel



**Age:** 19  
**Pronouns:** she/her  
**Languages:** Afrikaans  
**Hometown:** Outjo, Namibia  
**Degree:** BSc: Applied Medicinal Chemistry  
**Favourite study snack:** Pretzels, Biltong  
**Favourite word:** "Oneindiglik"  
**Favourite place in Stellenbosch:** Botanical garden & Victoria Street

Mamello Precious Molefe



**Age:** 19  
**Pronouns:** she/her  
**Languages:** English, Sesotho  
**Hometown:** Phuthaditjhaba (Free State)  
**Degree:** BCom (Actuarial Science)  
**Favourite study snack:** Lays, chocolate, biscuits  
**Favourite word:** "Pookie"  
**Favourite place in Stellenbosch:** Coetzenburg

Anna de Wet



**Age:** 19  
**Pronouns:** she/her  
**Languages:** English  
**Hometown:** Mkushi, Zambia  
**Degree:** Visual Arts- Visual Communication Design  
**Favourite study snack:** Chips! I love chips so much  
**Favourite word:** "Kasalamakanga"  
**Favourite place in Stellenbosch:** The Mountains and the dam



# MEET THE SENIORS & GEES COMMITTEE!

## WHAT IS THE SENIORS COMMITTEE?

This committee consists of Monicaners who are passionate about Monica “gees” (spirit) and Seniors integration (the integration of seniors and first year students).

Their goal is to help create fun memorable experiences with you, our new Monicaners. They will be working with other leadership bodies in Monica in order to ensure you experience Welcoming as a period of learning and most importantly, a period full of GEES AND FUN!



# The Seniors Committee

**Age:** 20  
**Pronouns:** she/her  
**Hometown:** Durbanville/ Bellville, WC  
**Degree:** BCom Management Sciences (Focal area: Investment Management)  
**Favorite spot in Monica:** the game room  
**Favorite movie/series:** Suits  
**Random fact about me:** I'm an aunt of two

*Jenna Damant*



*Inam Maya*



**Age:** 18  
**Pronouns:** she/her  
**Hometown:** Kraaifontein, WC  
**Degree:** B(Eng) Industrial Engineering  
**Favorite spot in Monica:** Room With A View  
**Favorite movie/series:** Euphoria  
**Hidden talent:** I can sing

**Age:** 19  
**Pronouns:** she/her  
**Hometown:** Johannesburg  
**Degree:** BCom Mathematical Sciences: Financial Risk Management  
**Favorite spot in Monica:** Room With A View  
**Favorite movie/series:** Black Panther & Gossip Girl  
**Random fact about me:** I am qualifying to be a personal trainer

*Jasolin Prank*



The Seniors  
Committee

*Kristin Macquena*



**Age:** 19  
**Pronouns:** she/her  
**Hometown:** De La Haye, WC  
**Degree:** BAccounting  
**Favorite spot in Monica:** Room With A View  
**Favorite movie/series:** Book Of Life  
**Hidden talent/ random fact:** Naturally flexible (at least cartwheel-splits wise)



**Age:** 19

**Pronouns:** she/her

**Hometown:** Cape Town, WC

**Degree:** BSc Applied Mathematics

**Favorite spot in Monica:** Section 8 balcony

**Favorite movie/series:** Lord of the Rings

**Random fact/ hidden talent:** Saxophone!!

*Anna Lumby*



*Elizabeth Knaesen*



**Age:** 20

**Pronouns:** she/her

**Hometown:** Somerset West, WC

**Degree:** LLB

**Favorite spot in Monica:** Room with a view

**Favorite movie/series:** The Sound of Music

**Hidden talent:** I always underestimate the time it takes to get ready for something



Jeanni Wiese



**Age:** 20  
**Pronouns:** she/her  
**Hometown:** Stellenbosch, WC  
**Degree:** BAccounting  
**Favorite spot in Monica:** Third floor balcony  
**Favorite movie/series:** The Summer I turned Pretty  
**Random fact about me:** I can't swallow any pills without cutting it first

**Age:** 20  
**Pronouns:** she/her  
**Hometown:** Bellville, WC  
**Degree:** LLB

**Favorite spot in Monica:** At the pool table  
**Favorite movie/series:** Suits / The Notebook  
**Hidden Talent/ Random fact:** I love tomatoes but despise tomato sauce

Emma Badenhorst



**Age:** 19  
**Pronouns:** she/her  
**Hometown:** Somerset West, WC  
**Degree:** BMus  
**Favorite spot in Monica:** My room :)  
**Favorite movie/series:** Dead Poets Society. Big Bang theory. The Little Prince. Fantastic Mr Fox  
**Hidden talent/ random fact:** I can play 2,5 instruments and speak 2,5 languages.

Anneke de Villiers



# WHAT IS VENSTERS?

Vensters is an annual event at Stellenbosch University where all of the newcomers gather and put their talents on display. These performances include dancing, acting and singing, and they are connected with the social impact projects SU runs throughout the year. There is also a food market and after the show, and a music festival, featuring a diverse range of musical talent. All Stellenbosch residences and Commuter Student Communities (“CSC’s”) collaborate to create a spectacular show.

**Vensters** is the Afrikaans word for “windows”. We call this evening “Vensters” as it started as an event where students would decorate their windows



# OUR PARTNERS



**OUDE MOLEN MONICA SERRURIA**



Vensters will take place on **7th February 2026**. All family and friends are encouraged to come and support. Ticket prices will be communicated at a later stage. All students will perform at Coetzenburg Stadium and winners will be announced at the end of the show!

# MEET THE VENSTERS COMMITTEE! ✨

*What is the Vensters committee?*

The Vensters Committee is a committee of Monicaners, who assist and take part in Welcoming, especially during Vensters.

They interact with the newcomers of Monica, help and support with teaching dances, ensuring safety, creating the backdrop for Vensters, and assisting with auditions.

This committee also allows newcomers to become familiar with a few seniors as well as the culture of the house.

Each member of this committee cares for the well-being of the Newcomers and wants to ensure that they have a fun and memorable Vensters experience.

You will be introduced to the Vensters Committee during welcoming



# Vensters Committee



# CARNIVAL



*Naledi Maponya*

**Age:** 19  
**Pronouns:** she/her  
**Hometown:** Polokwane  
**Degree:** BSc Molecular biology and biotechnology  
**Favourite song:** Like a tattoo - Sade  
**Favourite food:** Meraki's Lemon meringue



*Cara Beyer*

**Age:** 20  
**Pronouns:** she/her  
**Hometown:** Cape Town  
**Degree:** BSc Bioinformatics and Computational Biology  
**Favourite song:** Psalm 84 - riverbed music  
**Favourite food:** Can't go wrong with some chicken strips and chips!



*Monya van Zyl*

**Age:** 19  
**Pronouns:** she/her  
**Hometown:** Pretoria  
**Degree:** B in Social Work  
**Favourite song:** Because of Your Cross by Riverbed music  
**Favourite food:** Love a good Thai green chicken curry. If you want to be fancy- Vendetta's pizza (pepperoni).



# Wensters Committee



*Nasipha Mthethuwa*

**Age:** 19  
**Pronouns:** she/her  
**Hometown:** Durban, KZN  
**Degree:** BSc Mathematical Science  
**Favourite song:** Viva la Vida by Coldplay  
**Favourite food:** DONUTS!!!!



*Ashleigh Leibowitz*

**Age:** 20  
**Pronouns:** she/her  
**Hometown:** Johannesburg  
**Degree:** Econometrics  
**Favourite song:** Home - Good neighbours  
**Favourite food:** Poke bowl



*Chari Swanepoel*

**Age:** 20  
**Pronouns:** she/her  
**Hometown:** Durbanville, WC  
**Degree:** BCom Management Sciences  
(Logistics and Supply Chain Management)  
**Favourite song:** Always Look on The Bright  
Side of Life - Monty Python  
**Favourite food:** Chickpea salad with paneer



# Vensters Committee



*Lathitha Nalirata*

**Age:** 19

**Pronouns:** she/her

**Hometown:** Cape Town, WC

**Degree:** BSc(Chemistry)

**Favourite song:** Lead me on - Chandler Moore

**Favourite food:** Buttermilk chicken strips



*Dané Oberholzer*

**Age:** 19

**Pronouns:** she/her

**Hometown:** Somerset West, WC

**Degree:** BSc biodiversity and ecology

**Favourite song:** Unwritten - Natasha

Bedingfield

**Favourite food:** Sushi



*Emily Biebuyck*

**Age:** 19

**Pronouns:** she/her

**Hometown:** Gqeberha, EC

**Degree:** BA Development and Environment

**Favourite song:** Same Old Song - Lumineers

**Favourite food:** Pizza

The background is a dark red, vertically-pleated curtain. Two spotlights, one on the left and one on the right, are positioned at the top. They have grey housings and are emitting a bright yellow beam of light that tapers as it reaches a central, light blue, jagged-edged speech bubble. The text inside the bubble is in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

**JOIN US ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> OF  
FEBRUARY 2026  
for the ✨ultimate✨  
Monica x Oude Molen x  
Serruria VENSTERS  
PERFORMANCE!!**



MONICA

# FACILITIES AT MONICA ✨

## Dining Hall

The dining hall is found on the ground floor of res. Here you can sit and eat freshly cooked meals that you booked. Our kitchen serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.



### Fun Fact!

Our bathrooms have been recently remodeled! We completed renovations in 2024 and we can confidently say we have the best bathrooms on campus!

## Bathrooms

The ground floor of Monica has a guest toilet as well as a bathroom for residents with special needs. The first and second floor both have 3 separate bathrooms. Each of these bathrooms have at least 4 showers and 3 toilets.

## Laundry

Monica has a laundry room equipped with washing machines, tumble dryers and a washing line. We have a lady working in the laundry room who will do your washing for a small fee. This is not compulsory and residents can do their own washing as they please.



## Gathering Hall

Our gathering hall is known as "The By". Here we host socials and have house meetings and movie nights. This room is equipped with a table tennis table, pool table and some very comfortable bean bags.

The By also has a piano for the musically talented and can be played at anytime by our residents.



## Communal Kitchens

We have three kitchens available for all residents to use. Each kitchen has 2 sinks and a microwave. The first floor has one kitchen, and the second floor has two kitchens on each side of the floor.



## Lounges

Monica has 3 separate lounges, or "sitkamers". The lounges are located on the ground floor of res and have the comfiest couches for tea time with friends.



## Printing room

We have a room called 'Monarga' equipped with 3 desktop computers and a printer. All residents are welcome to use this equipment.

## Special needs

The ground floor of Monica has two single rooms dedicated to residents with special needs.



## Storage rooms

Monica has two storage rooms - one on the first floor and one on the second floor. These rooms are available to all residents and can be accessed by the HC on duty. They remain locked at all times for the safety of your belongings.



## Balconies

Our balconies can be found on the first and second floors of res. We have couches and plants on the balconies. All residents are welcome to make use of these facilities.

# Where is Monica?



Monica is located just south of main campus. We are incredibly lucky to be on Coligny street, which is just off Victoria street, with the famous oak trees. Almost any facility in Stellenbosch is within a five minute walk of our front doors!

## Some places near us:

- SU Library
- SU Botanical Garden
- SU Neelsie (Student shopping centre)
- SU Conservatory
- Eikestad Mall
- Ou Hoofgebou
- Visual Arts Department
- SU Admin Buildings
- SU Campus Health Services

## OUR NEIGHBOURS:



Wilgenhof Residence



Harmonie Residence



# VICTORIA CLUSTER

OUR CLUSTER CONVENORS!

## WHAT IS A CLUSTER?

This is a community of specific residences and Commuter Student Communities (CSC's) that are 'clustered' together to form one entity on campus.

A cluster is a platform for fostering development, growth, positive change and progress on a community wide scale. Victoria cluster now has a hub which is a space for our cluster can go study and spend time together.



@VICTORIACLUSTER

A cluster convener is responsible for bringing us together and planning our activities as a cluster.

Our 2025 cluster conveners are KATE BIEBUYCK, from Monica, and SEBASTIAN MYBURGH from Oude Molen.

Kate Biebuyck



she is from Monica 🦋



Sebastian Myburgh



# WHO IS IN VICTORIA WITH US?

## Harmonie residence

## Oude Molen CSC

## Wilgenhof residence

## Silene CSC



# CLUSTER LIFE SNEAK PEAK!



Oude molen x  
Monica  
hat swap!

Cluster  
Athletics!



HarMonica  
collabs!



HarMonica Acapella!



HarMonica touch rugby



HarMonica Frisbee



CLUSTER NEWCOMERS

# ATHLETICS DAY

COETZENBURG ATHLETICS  
STADIUM  
5 FEBRUARY 2026 17:30 - 20:30

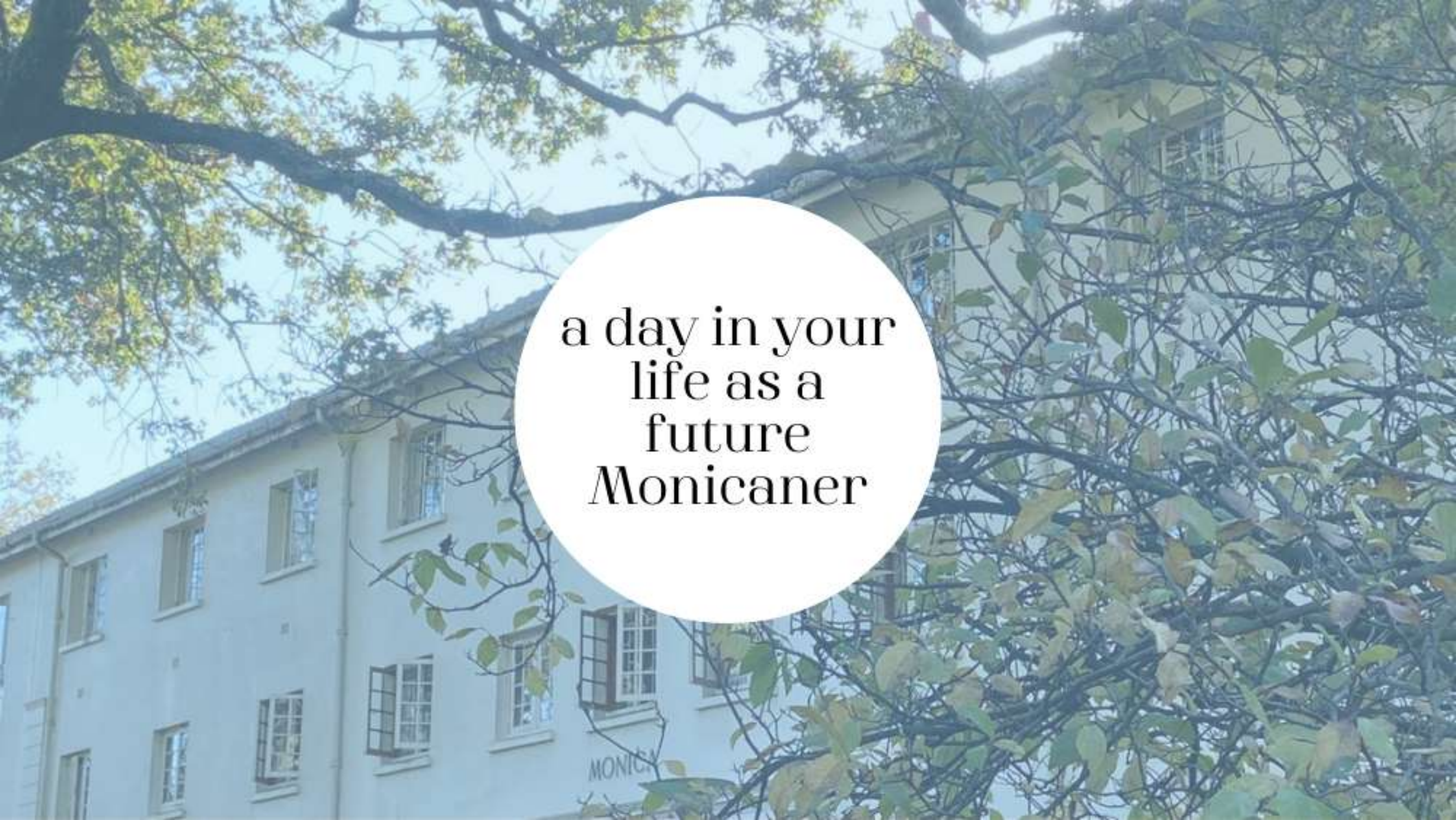


Reminder to bring along a **black or yellow tshirt** as well as all the "gees" and vibes!!



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STUDENT LIFE AND LEARNING AND  
MATIES SPORT





a day in your  
life as a  
future  
Monicaner

# TOP 10 THINGS ABOUT BEING A MONICANER ✨



2. The Botanical Gardens



1. The iconic  
Monica blue  
bucket hats

3. We live as  
close to campus  
as possible!

4. You are part of a rich community with a 100 years of history



5. We are part of the best cluster on campus!

6. we are the prettiest res there is!



7. All our facilities are newly renovated



8. Our spacious and homey rooms





10. Community and life long friends!



9. House dance!



# SUSTAINABLE LIVING AT MONICA



Monica x Capri  
beach cleanup in  
2025



## 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.environmental.sust

## Room allocations

Every year rooms in residence are allocated to newcomers (these rooms are often some of the nicest rooms). Our Newcomers and seniors are spread evenly across the floors to allow for integration within the house.

## Benefits of having a roomie

- If you get along, chances are you'll get along with their friends too. Your circle of acquaintances and friends just potentially doubled.
- If you lock yourself out of your room - there is always a spare key! (Unless they've locked themselves out, too. In that case, help?)
- There is no greater joy than sitting your roommate down after they've been on a date and dissecting every minor detail.
- They can wake you up when you've overslept.
- Somebody will always have milk in the fridge.
- If your roomie is studying next to you, it motivates you to shut down the Netflix and open up that textbook.
- They can sometimes relate with being far from home or they might even open up their home to you if they live close by.

## Your room



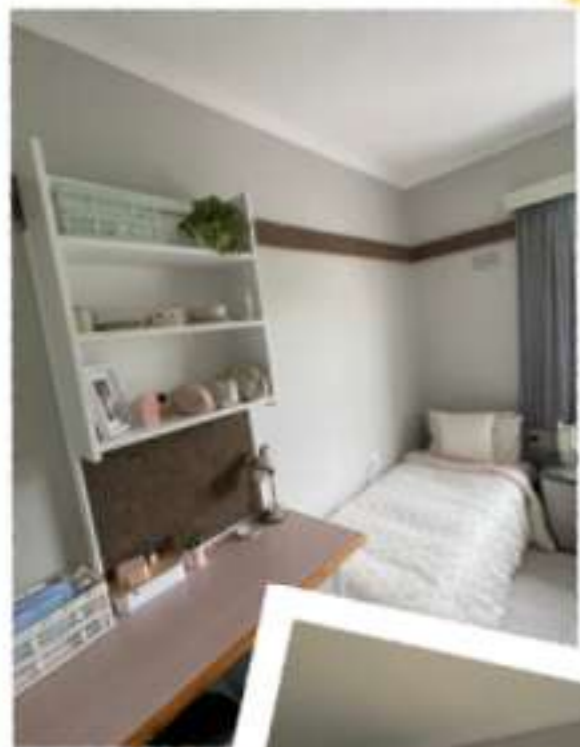
## Your roommate

Every newcomer will be allocated a roomie with whom they will be sharing a room. You and your roomie will get to experience the joys that first year has to offer, together! Your roomie will be carefully chosen for you by the House Committee based on your answers to a few questions concerning personal preferences. These questions will appear on a document that we will attach to the email containing the welcoming booklet. Please fill in this document and see the information in the email regarding where to send it.



ME AND MY  
ROOMMATE, KAIRA  
(THE BEST ROOMIE  
EVER, LIKE EVER!!)

# YOUR ROOM



# YOUR ROOM

## *Provided furniture*

- **1 x bedframe**
- **1 x single bed mattress**
- **1 x small kitchen cabinet (to share with your roomie)**
- **1 x desk**
- **1 x chair**
- **1 x bookshelf**
- **Built-in closet (1 per person)**
- **Curtains**
- **3 x electric sockets each with 2 three-point plugs**

## *Some things to know*

- **We have Wi-Fi in every room - so there is no need to buy a LAN cable**
- **The closets have hanging space and drawers, as well as two large compartments at the top**
- **Your room will be cleaned twice a week, unless you indicate that you would like to do it yourself.**
- **Every section also has a designated cleaning staff member. Feel free to chat to them.**
- **Cooking in your room is not allowed as it is a fire hazard, rather use one of our kitchenettes. If you have an airfryer, you can mark it with your name and leave it in the kitchen for you to use there.**
- **Microwaves are not permitted in the rooms, but you can find a microwave in each kitchen as well as an Halaal microwave in the dining hall**
- **We recommend using a combination lock for your door to avoid losing keys**
- **There is enough space under your bed for storage**



# YOUR PACKING LIST FOR RESIDENCE LIFE



## Kitchen

- Kettle
- Refrigerator\* (NB see footnote)
- Cutlery
- Dishware
- Dishwashing liquid and sponge
- Drying cloth
- Container to carry dishes to kitchen

## General

- Electric fan (it gets VERY hot in Stellenbosch)
- Bedding
- Laundry basket/ bag
- Laundry detergent
- Lock for your door (combination locks are recommended)
- also consider bringing a chargeable light for when it is loadshedding

## Bathroom

- Container for your shower products
- Towel
- Shower shoes (flip flops work great!)
- Bathrobe (optional - works for those who aren't fond of seeing visitors in the hallway after a shower)

## Studying

- Desk lamp
- Multi-plugs

## Please take note

- None of the above is compulsory - just suggestions
- Don't buy any locks before seeing your room and closet - check for size!
- Less is more - you don't need a full set cutlery; 1/2 of each is perfect

## Closet

- Clothing hangers
- Lock for your closet (normal lock with keys works just fine)

\* Don't buy a brand new fridge before meeting your roomie - they might already have a fridge that you can share. If you both decide on a mini-/ bar fridge, it will also fit in the room.



# YOUR WELCOMING WEEK PACKING LIST



## Things to bring on your first day

- Proof of payment of your welcoming packet (more information will be communicated at a later stage, before you move in)
- Everything you need for your room and some groceries
- Comfortable and cool clothing and walking shoes for welcoming
- Any black semi-formal attire
- A plain white shirt and some plain black shorts
- Your medical aid information
- Any food container with a sealable lid
- An item of sentimental value
- Your guardians and siblings, and maybe some tissues too :)

## What to have in your daily backpack

- Sunscreen
- Water bottle (filled with water)
- Bucket hat/ cap
- A fruit or snack might help with some energy between activities



# FIRST YEAR'S MERCH 2026



NOTE : The Welcoming Packet will contain 2 Monica t-shirts, 2 Maties t-shirts, a Monica water bottle, a Monica hat, and a Monica tote bag. **It will not cost more than R620\***. More information will be communicated at a later

\* If you are not financially capable of paying for the welcoming packet, please contact Christine Delpont at [29458013@sun.ac.za](mailto:29458013@sun.ac.za), to discuss other options and see how we can help!

# REGISTRATION AND PARKING

## REGISTRATION

Keep an eye on the official Stellenbosch University webpage for the 2026 registration dates. If you do not manage to register online at [www.mymaties.com](http://www.mymaties.com), we shall help you register during the week. We do, however, urge you to use the online registration and pay the deposit beforehand.

For us to help you register, please bring along the following important documentation:

1. Copy of results of the 2025 NSC or IEB Final school leaving Exam
2. Proof of deposit payment
3. Proof of registration
4. Stellenbosch University username and password
5. Bursary information
6. KNSC or IEB candidates who matriculated in 2025 or earlier: National Senior Certificate
7. Candidates from other school systems: School Leaving Certificate and certificate of exemption as issued by the SA Matriculation Board
8. Candidates who studied at other universities: The same documentation as bullet 6, as well as full academic record and certificate of good conduct as issued by the university previously attended.
9. If you are not a South African citizen: please bring your valid study permit.

## PARKING:

There is limited parking on campus, and it can be costly to register for parking at the University. Therefore, do not bring your car unless it is necessary.

All our important facilities are within walking distance from Monica.

The safety of your vehicle cannot be guaranteed by the university and our residence does not have covered parking.

We do have a bicycle shed for those who would like to bring their bicycles: just make sure to bring your own lock.



# FOOD



Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Provided in the Monica Dining Hall, every day of the Welcoming period

*\*The cost of these meals will be charged to your student account*

The meals are prepared by CSG Food Services. Feel free to visit their website:  
[www.csgfoods.co.za](http://www.csgfoods.co.za)

If you have any serious allergies or dietary requirements (such as Vegetarian, Halaal, etc), please inform us before your arrival. !!

Kindly send an email to Christine Delpont by the 8th of January 2025 stating your meal requirements: [29458013@sun.ac.za](mailto:29458013@sun.ac.za)

## What happens after Welcoming?

Students can book meals at res: this is done through our student portal called "MySun". These meals need to be booked two days in advance and students have a variety of meals to choose from. The House Management and Mentors will show the newcomers how to do this during the Welcoming period.

Monica's residents can also make use of the Munch Delhi inside Victoria Hub. Food and snacks can be purchased with your student card here. Booking meals at residence is not compulsory and residents may make their own meals in one of our kitchens. Meals can also be bought and charged to your student account when you dine at one of the Neelsie's restaurants.

**Our kitchens serve Halaal food.**

# WHEN YOU ARRIVE! ✨🦋

Move in day is the 27th of January 2025!!

## The First Day 🎉

08:00-12:00 Moving in!

12:30-14:00 Parents meeting

14:30-17:30 Monica Bonding

18:00-19:00 Dinner time!

19:00-20:00 Welcome part 2

21:00-22:00 Mentor session

And Lunch!

\*Just a disclaimer: this program is subject to change as the University has not given us any confirmation about events. We will keep our newcomers updated if anything changes.

The **law students** arrive on **26th January 2025**. As their schedule differs from other faculties' academic programs, they will fall into the rest of Welcoming with the other newcomers during their free time. On their day of arrival, the law students will enjoy some ice cream and bonding time with the leadership of Monica. Their academic program starts on 29th January from 08:30-16:00.

**\*REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN FOOD AND BEVERAGES ON THE FIRST DAY !!**

# Feel free to contact us!

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