

Beauty Through Strength

VENUSTIA

Welcoming
Booklet 2025



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WELCOME TO VENUSTIA

Who are we?

Venustia is one of the eleven Commuter Student Communities (CSC) at Stellenbosch University, established in 2008. A CSC is an organisational structure that supports private students living in private accommodations who attend Stellenbosch University (SU). As a CSC, we actively seek to assist newcomers in a smooth transition into the Stellenbosch University environment in a way that is fun and exciting. Our community motto, “Beauty Through Strength”, is an indicator of what our core beliefs are –

building strength in character.

We strive to create an environment for students to feel comfortable enough to express themselves.

Venustia was founded on the values of respect, integrity, compassion, inclusivity & equity. We aim to foster a space for each member to call their ‘second home’. All members of Venustia take pride as “the Swans” signified by the Crest of our House, which entails beauty and strength that shines from within.

MISSION & VISION

A CLEAR MISSION AND VISION FOR VENUSTIA PROVIDE PURPOSE AND DIRECTION, FOSTERING A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND GUIDING IMPACTFUL INITIATIVES THAT ALIGN WITH THE VALUES AND GOALS OF ITS MEMBERS.

Venustia seeks to be an all-inclusive space that assists students in becoming engaged citizens with inquiring minds. Venustia aims at creating and maintaining a platform where students can explore their identities and world views in a safe and encouraging space; while also breaking down any subconscious biases.

OUR VALUES

- RESPECT



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- INCLUSIVITY



Acting in a way that shows acceptance of others' presence and well-being. This also includes taking into acknowledgement the values, opinions, rights and personal actions of fellow Swans.

- INTEGRITY



Venustia believes that inclusivity means to actively incorporate and value the ideas, identities and beliefs that every member has established for themselves. We seek to be a platform that promotes equality and equity in a way that is sustainable and fluid.



- COMPASSION



"Beauty Through Strength" means that in order for our community to feel strength in its unity – our members need to feel heard. Our compassion value is actively trying to understand one another's pain and triumphs. Having compassion for one another is what allows us to embody "Beauty through Strength."

- EQUITY



Recognizing the areas in your sense of self and identity that need developing. This is accomplished by providing members with the platforms and equal opportunities they need to achieve their own definition of personal development and strength of character.



WHAT WE OFFER



Culture

- Molassesêr (musical)
- Acapella
- Debating
- Palesa Festival (drama)
- Culture Evenings



Other

- Venustia House Dance
- Venustia House Funds Dance
- Newcommers Dance
- Leadership development opportunities
- Business week
- Critical Engagements Podcast
- Venustia Week
- Derby Week

Sport

- Netball
- Hockey

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- House Committee
- Newcomers Committee
- Mentors
- Swan Committee
- Events Committees (including House Dance)
- FVZS Leadership short courses societies at Stellenbosch

Academics

- Mentor sessions
- Study groups



LETTER FROM OUR PRIMARIA

Dear Swans,

Welcome, welcome, welcome!

Starting a journey like this can bring a whirl of emotions, but take a moment to breathe— you are exactly where you're meant to be, and we are glad to have you here.

My name is Natacha, and I have the privilege of serving as your Primaria this year. As your Primaria, I am here to assist you along the way.



Natacha Le Roux

Whether you have questions, need guidance, or simply wish to have a conversation, please know that I am available. I've got your back—and so does the rest of Venustia.

Now, while Venustia may not have physical rooms or keys for you, it is every bit a home. Our community is built on the people, and you've just joined a family that will cheer for you, support you, and grow alongside you. There is a place for everyone here, and we eagerly welcome your passions, dreams, and the unique qualities that make you who you are.

I remember when I first joined Venustia, feeling a similar mix of nerves and excitement that you may be experiencing now. Through my journey here, I have found that Venustia fosters an environment where strangers can become friends and moments can become fond memories.

So, my heartfelt message to you is this: Dive in! Embrace the new faces, the challenges, the laughter, and every moment that comes your way. You're about to create memories that will last long after your time here, and I have no doubt you'll find joy and connection within this wonderful community.

My motto is, "Life's an adventure—pack accordingly!" and that's exactly the spirit I hope you'll bring with you as you start your journey here.

So, once again—welcome to Venustia!

"In Venustia vind ons, ons hart, ons huis"—we discover both our hearts and our home, and I can't wait to meet you in person with a whole lot of heart and hopefully a community that feels like home!

With all my love and excitement, Natacha
Primaria of Venustia



LETTER FROM OUR VICE- PRIMARIA

WELCOME TO VENUSTIA!
(cue birds of a feather by Billie Eilish)

Hello my lovelies! I am so excited, honoured and privileged to be your Vice Primaria for 2024/2025. Oh yeah, I almost forgot... My name is Elcke by the way!



Elcke Pio

Venustia is the name and Swan is the game. Being a swan means being part of a flock, a community and a home. In this community we not only values like respect, integrity, inclusivity, compassion and equity but we foster beauty from within and the strength that arises from this. This is what being a swan in Venustia is all about, and this is what being a swan has meant to me. In Venustia, you will not only have a home away from home, but a safe and inclusive space where uniqueness, GEES (spirit), love and growth co-exists. I cannot wait to see you soar and explore all the different opportunities that you will be presented with!

Lots of Love Elcke <3

LETTER FROM OUR HEAD MENTOR

WELCOME FUTURE SWANS!!!!

I'm Cristen Koegelenberg and this year I have the privilege of ensuring that your go-to buddy in Venustia responds to all your needs.

I am thrilled to extend the warmest, most heartfelt welcome to you. This is an exciting journey that lies ahead, and I wish to share a glimpse of what awaits you here!



Cristen
Koegelenberg

Stellenbosch University is more than just a place to learn, it is made up of vibrant communities, like Venustia, where ideas flourish, friendships blossom and experiences shape your future. It is a place where you are surrounded by passionate students and dedicated mentors who are eager to support you in academic and personal growth.

At Venustia, compassion is the cornerstone of our community. We believe in supporting each other through challenges and celebrating each other's successes. I can guarantee that you will find a network of peers and mentors who are truly invested in your well-being. I am committed to fostering a space where everyone can participate fully, regardless of differences. An environment where differences is celebrated and not just accommodated.

The mentor team and I are eagerly awaiting your arrival and are super excited to welcome you to the family!

HOUSE COMMITTEE

2025





CARMI CHIOLÉ

- Social Media and Branding



MISCHKAH BRANDT

- Secretary



ANJA VAN COLLER

- Financial Manager
- Seniors



TAMZIN FÜRST

- Culture
- Cluster



GABRIELLA JORDAAN

- Social Impact
- Sport



DANÉ SMIT

- Critical
Engagement
- Sustainability

MENTORS



Our Mentors are committed to assisting you in achieving your goals and guiding you through your initial year of university. Their primary objective is to facilitate a smooth transition for Newcomers into university life. Recognizing the potential stress associated with the early stages of university, the Mentors are available to offer advice, provide assistance, and simply lend a supportive ear. Newcomers will be introduced to their Mentors on the first day of the Welcoming event. Subsequently, the Mentors will establish a WhatsApp group to keep Newcomers informed with updates.

Throughout the Welcoming period, Mentors will lead sessions aimed at exploring wellness spheres and fostering individual growth. These sessions will also serve as a platform for Newcomers to acquaint themselves with each other and their Mentors. Venustia has carefully selected 16 Mentors for the year 2025, and they are eagerly looking forward to meeting you!

LIST OF MENTOR NAMES

1. Abbygail Liebenberg
2. Agape Ledimo
3. Anouk Du Plessis
4. Bianca Coetzee
5. Christi Olivier
6. Jada Gerber
7. Jeane Joubert
8. Kgotatso Goatingwe
9. Layla Damon
10. Livhuwani Ramukumba
11. Lize De Klerk
12. Milah Botha
13. Murunwa Matshaya
14. Olerato Maphangela
15. Thato Mokhutle
16. Zaahrah Antulay



SWAN COMMITTEE



The worker bees of our community.

They've got wisdom and good vibes - what more do you need? This group of Swans includes students studying in 2nd year and above and they aim to share what they've learnt over the years with our newcomers. They also host lots of fun events during the year and put in lots of effort to help the smooth sailing of Welcoming.

LIST OF SWAN COMMITTEE NAMES

- 1.Jada Devine
- 2.Jada Rhode
- 3.Jasmine Millar
- 4.Kristine Amadhila
- 5.Latifah Mhlambi
- 6.Leandré Coetzee
- 7.Lily-Mae Hanson
- 8.Megan Townsend
- 9.Nqobile Asanda Linda
- 10.Rakhi Bodasing
- 11.Rehana Mullins
- 12.Saskia Neuhoﬀ
- 13.Shanti Lötzt
- 14.Shreya Moodley
- 15.Sinenhlanhla Ngubane
- 16.Tasneem Schroeder
- 17.Tinetariro Zororo



WORD FROM OUR CSC COORDINATORS



Dear Venustia Newcomer.

Congratulations with your provisional acceptance at Stellenbosch University and a warm welcome to Venustia. Studying at Stellenbosch University is a great honour and we wish you all the best as you enter this challenging yet exciting phase of your life. As a prospective first year you stand at the beginning of an exciting period in your life.

As the Commuter Student Communities Unit at Stellenbosch University, we are responsible for managing the Venustia Community, along with its House Committee and the Mentors. We are your support network that will assist with your academic and social integration at SU. Please, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask. Venustia believes in a value driven system. We consider these values in all we do.

Your community will allow you to forge new paths, build new relationships and innovate in ways you never have imagined. The CSCs ensure that students, even when physically separated from one another, still remain connected to each other as well as campus life through our virtual community offerings.

We encourage you to make the most of this experience and to take a hold of each and every opportunity that comes your way. In today's world, a degree can only get you so far. Your experience at Venustia is what will allow you to go further and to leave Stellenbosch University as a well-rounded graduate. Venustia is your portal to an exciting out-of-class and co-curricular experience which will go a long way to giving you an upper hand one day when you graduate.

We look forward to meeting you and we can assure you that you will be welcomed into our community with open arms.

Regards,

Commuter Student Community Coordinators

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CONNECT WITH US

Newcomers Whatsapp Group:



Venustia Instagram Page:





PRE- REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Scanning the QR codes provides access to a quick pre-registration link, allowing you to complete the process efficiently and save valuable time on your first day at Venustia. This step is both effective and necessary to ensure a smooth and streamlined experience upon arrival.

Pre-registration Link



FEEDBACK FROM PREVIOUS SWANS

Met my
besties in
Welcoming
~ Olerato

I really enjoyed
welcoming... the
mentors were always
willing to help.
~ Lily

I loved the
overall vibe
~ Saskia
Neuhoff

Welcoming was
such an incredible
and uplifting
experience
~ Kristine

Loved welcoming!
The Gees and
getting to know
millions of people.
~ Milah



SWAN ANTHEM

THROUGH STRENGTH AND BEAUTY WE STRIVE TO
SUCCEED
IN STELLENBOSCH WE PLANT OUR DREAMS
IN VENUSTIA VIND ONS ONS HART ONS HUIS
WITH VALUES WE BECOME OUR OWN VENUSTIA, WE
RESPECT
WITH COMPASSION AND INTEGRITY WE DO OUR
BEST
VENUSTIA HAND IN HAND SIZOMA KUNYE
SIMANYENE
VENUSTIA
VENUSTIA
BEAUTY THROUGH STRENGTH VENUSTIA!!!!

WORD FROM OUR CLUSTER CONVENOR



Dearest Prospective Newcomer,
Congratulations on your conditional acceptance into Stellenbosch University.

We are so excited to welcome you to this amazing campus and the best cluster community in it –RUBIX!

You may be wondering what a cluster is, Cluster can be described as an extension of the student community experience. It provides an avenue to foster meaningful connections and relationships with other students outside of your direct community.

As part of Rubix, you're joining a family that consists of 5 communities; Heemstede, Metanoia, Nerina, Pieke and Venustia. Rubix therefore serves as a broader community that paints you into the greater picture of Stellenbosch University.

As Rubix, we believe in the power of coming together to support and uplift each other. Whether you're passionate about sports, culture, or eager to connect with like-minded people, Rubix offers you various resources and connections you'll need to thrive and support in your university journey.

Alongside my team of managers, I as Cluster Convenor will work closely with your community's leadership and are responsible for facilitating cluster engagement through numerous fun and engaging activities.

We cannot wait to show you how slay and GEES Rubix truly is through our spirit of diversity, unity, equality and celebration.

We wish you the best with your preparations in joining us at Stellenbosch and will see you soon!

With warmth and excitement, Lukhanyo Nkonzo
Rubix Cluster Convenor



WORD FROM THE PRIM COMMITTEE

Dear Swans,

It is with great jubilation that I welcome you into the Matie family! This achievement is no small feat, so I hope you are as proud of yourself as I am riveted to welcome you into our community!

Often when we think about what we have achieved in life, we look to the awards that we have won and the trophies that shine in a display. I, however, believe that we ought to dig deeper and search for the things that truly matter and contribute to our self-actualisation.

In my time here in SU, I have discovered who I really am, I have gained self-assurance, a best friend, a beloved mentor, and a surplus of extravagant memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

In this new season, there are many lives you will enrich, that you will never find out about, simply by being your true, unabashed, real self, and I want you to hold on to this notion, especially when it seems easier to change who you are to fit in. These are some of the things that I hope you can take away from your time in Venustia, and by extension in SU, so that one day, when you leave campus for the last time, you are able to confidently say that you were able to achieve and gain the things that truly matter in life.

My hope for you is to not only fall in love with this new opportunity, but to fall in love with who you are in this phase of your life. It is an absolute privilege to make your own memories that will last you a lifetime, friendships that will stay with you through thick and thin and to pursue that degree!

Remember that you have a village of people dedicated to cheering you on as you discover who you are becoming and defining how you will achieve your dreams and aspirations. All you need to do is be brave enough to put yourself out there and audacious enough to not let anyone stop you.

Welcome home!

Wishing you all the best,

Simiso Langa

Prim Committee Chairperson

Prim Committee

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WELCOMING

The purpose of the welcoming program in Venustia is to ensure that we are the helping hand when it comes to the newcomers' transition into Stellenbosch University and its campus culture. Venustia leadership will facilitate offerings that will allow for the newcomers to be their authentic selves whilst networking with people from different backgrounds and beliefs. Furthermore, the purpose of the welcoming program is to facilitate offerings that will ensure that people respect one another and their different backgrounds.



WORD FROM YOUR WELCOMING LEADER

Elcke Pio

Hellooooo beautiful soon-to-be swans! I am so excited to meet you guys and make the most mind-blowing memories with you. As your welcoming leader for 2025 I cannot wait to journey with you into this new chapter of your life. The welcoming programme for 2025 is going to be an absolute VIBE filled with excitement, opportunities, bonding and multiple new, enriching and fresh experiences. Welcoming will be a safe and inclusive space for you to help find your feet in what currently might feel like the unknown. Together we can explore this 'unknown' and discover many hidden treasures that will forever be stored in our hearts. Get READY, get EXCITED and most of all GET LOUD WITH GEES because this is going to be one of the most memorable moments of your student life!

See you soon,

Elcke <3 (aka Gees Bees)

...ps. remember sunblock, hats and plenty of water!

VENSTERS

OUR CONNECT PARTNERS FOR 2025 IS EENDRAG MENS RESIDENCE

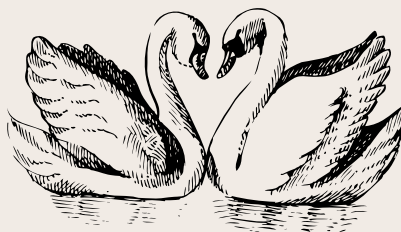
Our united name, Eenustia, symbolises the partnership and harmony that will develop throughout the course of our collaboration.

Together, we will be part of the eagerly anticipated "Vensters" production.

You all have an incredible opportunity to join in the celebration of beginning your new journey at Stellenbosch University.

Expect a Vensters unlike any other, full of inventiveness, imaginative narratives, and original dances, as we take you on a journey through the rich culture of our stunning nation, where every moment is unique.

This year's theme is "The Greatest Showman," and we are so excited for you to get started.





Welcoming Program

09:00 AM
Venustia Registration
@ Jan Mouton

10:45 AM
Walk back to Venustia

12:00 PM
Celebratory Lunch
@ Heemstede

15:00 PM
GEES/Spirit session
@ Venustia House

16:45 PM
Cluster Law Social
Venue to be
communicated

18:00 PM
Day Ends

09:00 AM
Newcomer Arrive
@ Jan Mouton

10:00 AM
Introduction & Presentation
@ Jan Mouton

11:15 AM
Mentor Session
@ Venustia House

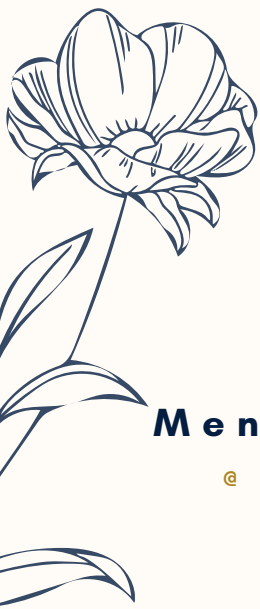
13:00 PM
Connection Building Games
@ Venustia House

15:45 PM
DMC: Under my Skin- Values and Identities
@ Venustia House

17:45 PM
Mentor Debrief
@ Venustia House

Day 1
28.01.2025



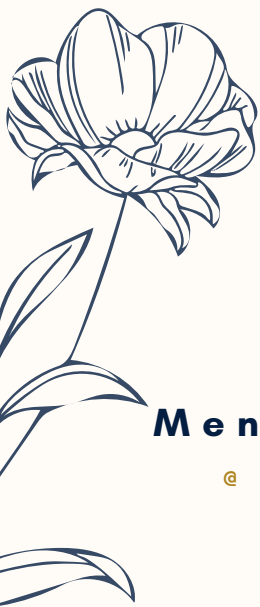


Welcoming Program

	08:00 AM Optional Activity @ Venustia House
09:00 AM Mentor Session @ Venustia House	09:45 AM Amazing Race Starts @ Venustia House
12:00 PM Lunch @ Heemstede	13:00 PM DMC: Disability Chat @ Venustia House
15:00 PM Creative GEES/Spirit Session @ Venustia	13:00 PM Connection Building Games @ Venustia House
15:00 PM GEES/Spirit session @ Venustia House	15:30 PM Swan Ceremony @ Venustia House
17:00 PM Venustia Fair @ Venustia House	18:30 PM Day Ends

Day 2
29.01.2025





Welcoming Program

09:00 AM

Mentor Briefing

@ Venustia House

09:45 AM

Chat from AAC

@ Jan Mouton

11:30 AM

Walk to Heemstede

12:45 PM

GEES/Spirit session

@ Venustia House

14:40 PM

Walk to Danie Craven

17:00 PM

**Informal Program at
Danie Craven**

@ Danie Craven

18:15 PM

Meet for 2025 photo

@ Danie Craven

20:00 PM

Dreamwalk

@ Starting at top of
Victoria Street

08:00 AM

Optional Activity

@ Venustia House

09:20 AM

Walk to Jan Mouton

10:00 AM

**Informative Session on
SU's Academic System**

@ Jan Mouton

12:00 PM

Lunch

@ Heemstede

13:30 PM

**Mentor Session: Poster
Making**

@ Venustia House

15:00 PM

Mentor Session

@ Danie Craven

17:30 PM

**Formal Program at Danie
Craven**

@ Danie Craven

19:30 PM

Dinner Packages

@ Venustia House

Day 3

30.01.2025





Welcoming Program

08:00 AM

Academic Programs

@ See SU Welcoming Booklet

12:30 PM

Lunch Packages

@ Venustia House

14:00 PM

Theatre Production

@ Kruiskerk

15:45 PM

Dinner Packages

@ Venustia House

16:45 PM

Welcoming Fair

@ Coetzenburg

18:30 PM

GEEs/Spirit Session

@ Venustia House

19:00 PM

Cluster Interaction

@ Nerina Residence

07:00 AM

Mentor Session

@ Venustia House

12:00 PM

Meet Up after Academic Programs

@ Venustia House

13:30 PM

Walk to Kruiskerk

15:15 PM

Walk to Venustia

16:15 PM

Walk to Coetzenburg

18:00 PM

Walk to Venustia

18:45 PM

Walk to Nerina Residence

21:00 PM

Day Ends

Day 4

31.01.2025





Welcoming Program

08:00 AM
Mentor Briefing
@ Venustia House

08:30 AM
Cluster Sport Introduction

13:30 PM
Relaxation Station
@ Venustia House

14:30 PM
Connect Practice and Social
@ Eendrag Residence

07:30 AM
Breakfast
@ Heemstede

08:15 AM
Walk to Cluster Day

09:00 AM
Cluster Day

14:00 PM
Walk to Eendrag

17:00 PM
Day Ends

Day 5

01.02.2025





Welcoming

Program

DAY 6:
02.02.2025
REST DAY

07:30 QM

Coffee Meet-Up

@ MyBrew

08:15 AM

Mentor Briefing

@ Venustia House

08:30 AM

Walk to Academic Program

09:00 AM

Academic Programs

Different Venues per
Faculty

12:30 PM

Lunch Packages

@ Rooiplein

13:30 PM

Academic Programs

Different Venues per
Faculty

16:30 PM

Meet at Eendrag Residence

16:45 PM

Connect Practice

@ Eendrag Residence

17:30 PM

Walk to Venustia

18:00 PM

Campus Security Chat

@ Venustia House

19:00 PM

Walk to Nerina Residence

19:00 PM

Cluster Interaction

@ Nerina Residence

21:00 PM

Day Ends

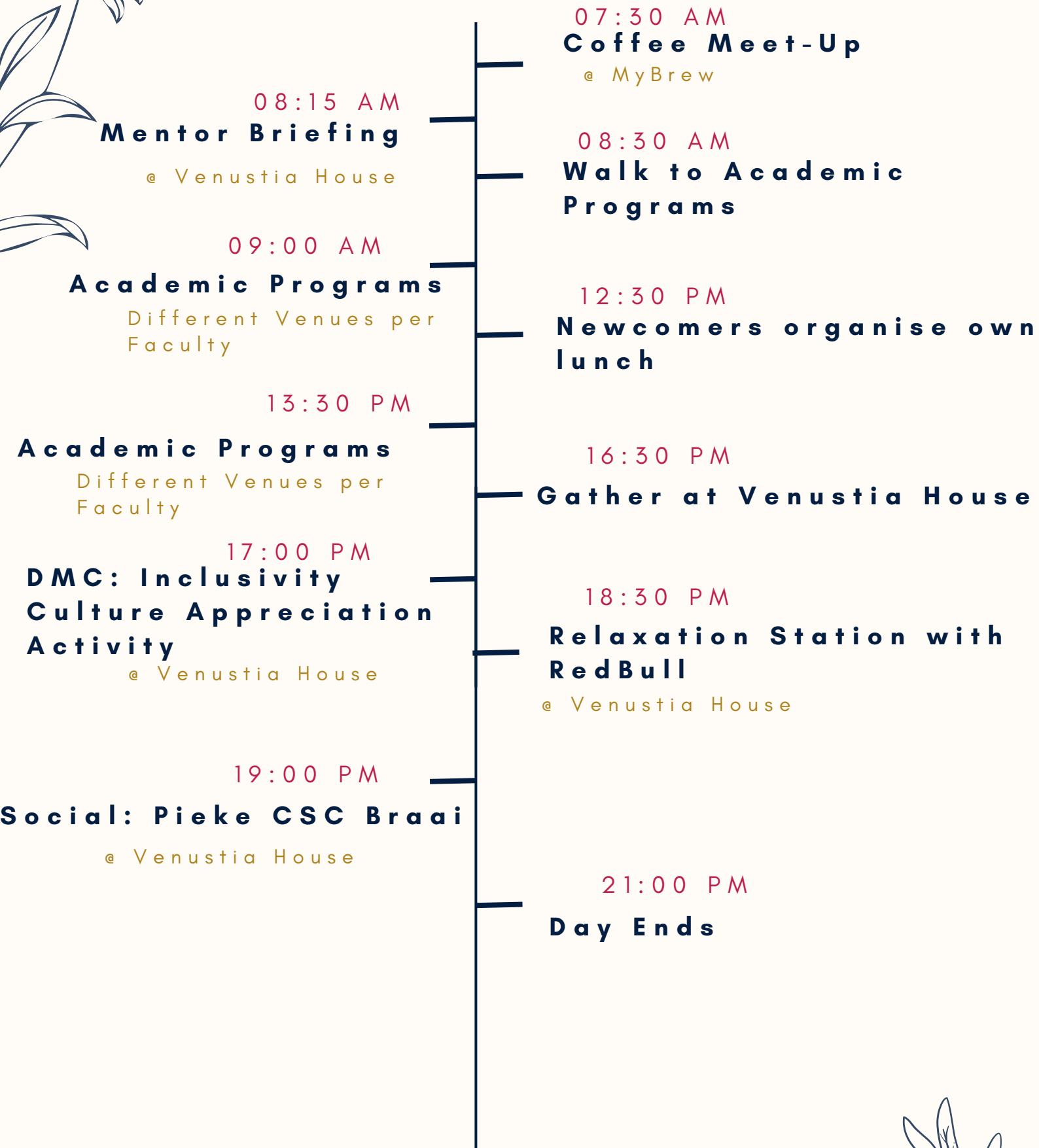
Day 7

03.02.2025





Welcoming Program

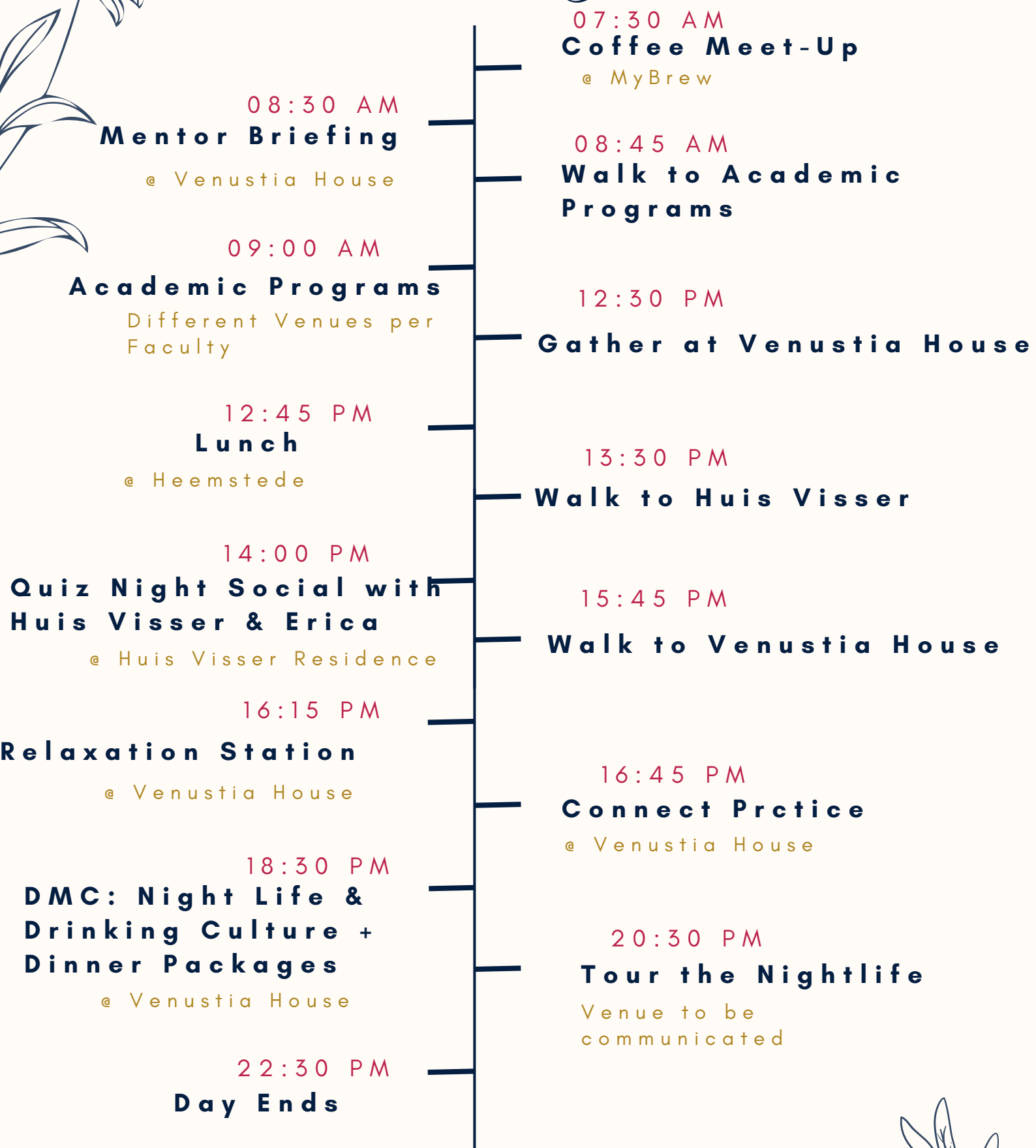


Day 8
04.02.2025





Welcoming Program



Day 9
05.02.2025





Welcoming Program

07:45 AM Sandwich Drive: Looking out for our Swans @ Venustia House	07:30 AM Mentor Briefing @ Venustia House
09:30 AM Walk to Jan Marais Park	08:30 AM Sustainability Roblox Fashion Show @ Venustia House
11:30 AM Walk to Heemstede	10:00 AM Paint & Swap Social: Aristea CSC & Silene CSC @ Jan Marais Park
12:45 PM Self-defence class @ Venustia House	12:00 PM Lunch @ Heemstede
14:30 PM "Who wants to be a millionaire?" Social @ Huis Marais	14:00 PM Walk to Huis Marais Residence
16:30 PM Dinner Packages @ Venustia House	16:00 PM Walk to Venustia House
17:30 PM Cluster Athletics @ Coetzenburg	17:00 PM Walk to Maties Athletics Club
	21:00 PM Day Ends

Day 10
06.02.2025





Welcoming Program

09:00 AM

**Social Impact
Morning with
Olympus CSC**

@ Venustia House

13:00 PM

Mentor Briefing

@ Venustia House

14:00 PM

Connect Practice

@ Venustia House

17:00 PM

**Cluster Closing
Function**

Venue to be
communicated

18:30 PM

**Dinner Packages with
Red Bull**

@ Venustia House

20:00 PM

Day Ends

08:00 AM

Optional Activity

@ Venustia House

12:00 PM

Lunch

@ Heemstede

13:30 PM

GEES/Spirit Session

@ Venustia House

16:30 PM

**Walk to Cluster Closing
Function**

18:00 PM

Walk to Venustia House

19:00 PM

Connect Practice

@ Venustia House

Day 11
07.02.2025





Welcoming Program

08:30 AM

Connect Shirts Handout

@ Venustia House

10:00 AM

Connect Practice

@ Venustia House

13:00 PM

Connect Practice

@ Venustia House

14:45 PM

Walk to Connect Venue

15:30 PM

Get Hyped

23:00 PM

Day Ends

08:00 AM

Mentor Briefing

@ Venustia House

09:00 AM

Relaxation Station with RedBull

@ Venustia House

12:00 PM

Lunch

@ Heemstede

14:30 PM

Get ready for Connect

@ Venustia House

15:15 PM

Mentor Briefing

16:00 PM

Connect (Vensters)

Day 12
08.02.2025



WHAT TO BRING...



- WHITE SHIRTS (to paint over)
- Comfortable clothing and shoes
- Snazzy sunglasses: Who doesn't want to be fashionable while experiencing new things?
- Bottle of water: To stay hydrated, especially in the Stellenbosch heat.
- A sun hat: The Stellenbosch sun is a scorcher. On that note please wear lots of sunscreen!
- A bottle of sanitiser: We will have sanitizer but if you would like you can bring your own.
- Bring along a dose of enthusiasm and good vibes: For busy days filled with dancing, fun activities, socials and meeting new friends!

VENUSTIA PRESENTS

Varsity Bucket List



- ☐ • Swimming at the dam
- ☐ • Botanical garden picnic
- ☐ • Hike up Coetzenberg
- ☐ • Sundowners or catching sunset/sunrise at Coetzenberg
- ☐ • 3 am study session in com labs
- ☐ • Stay in the library until the closing song
- ☐ • Klein Saterdag
- ☐ • DCM doughnut in the Neelsie
- ☐ • Coffee @MyBrew
- ☐ • House Dance
- ☐ • House Funds dance
- ☐ • Varsity Cup
- ☐ • Go to a class in a different faculty
- ☐ • Eat lunch & people-watch on the Rooiplein
- ☐ • Go thrift shopping
- ☐ • Route44 Market
- ☐ • Pizza @Ginos

STELLIES SLANG

- BIB



The Stellenbosch University library. It is short for the Afrikaans word 'biblioteek' which translates to 'library' in English.

- CLUSTER



A few CSCs and Residences cluster together to form a larger community to allow for a vaster interaction and experience of university culture within a more diverse group of people. Venustia is part of the Rubix Cluster which includes Pieke, Heemstede, Metanoia and Nerina.

- CONNECT/
VENSTERS



Connect is one of the exciting welcoming week events which you should look forward to! It is a series of performances involving acting and dancing that each CSC and Residence's newcomers take part in. This year we are partnered with Eendrag.

- FIRGA



This is the name of the computer centre for the Engineering Faculty students, located in the Engineering building.

- FHARGA



This is the name of the computer centre for the Economic Management Science Faculty located on the top floor of the Neelsie.



- HUMARGA



This is the name of the computer centre for the Arts and Social

Science as well as the Education Faculties' students located on the third floor of the BA building.

- NARGA



This is the name of the computer centre for the Science Faculty

students. There are many branches of NARGA scattered across campus.

- GEES



This is an Afrikaans word which can be compared to 'hype' or 'spirit.'

You will hear this word quite often on campus, especially during the exciting period of Welcoming.

- HC/HK



The House Committee – the elected leaders of a PSO/Residence.

STELLIES SLANG

- KLEIN SATERDAG



The famous nickname for Wednesdays around here.

- KUIER



Another word for a social opportunity.

- NEELSIE



This is the name of an on-campus student centre which pretty much has it all! It's your food and coffee central. It has ample seating for you to eat with your friends as well as a place to run your general errands. It is also home to many of the student organisations, such as Venustia's.

- NEWCOMER



A student who is in their first year of studies.

- PRED



Short for 'predicate mark.' It refers to the mark that you have achieved throughout the year before writing your exams. In certain subjects, you need to achieve predicate in order to be allowed to write your exams. It is calculated differently depending on the faculty.

- THE ROOIPLEIN



The red brick area above the library & outside the Neelsie



- RUBIX GRASS



The grass behind the HC house stretches from Heemstede all the way to Nerina.

- SECOND OPP



Short for 'second opportunity.' This is the second opportunity available to write exams. The system works differently depending on the degree and faculty.

- SS



An abbreviation for 'Study Centre' which is a quiet place where you can study, located in the JC Smuts building.

- SWAN



The Swan is Venustia's symbol, hence why we refer to fellow members of Venustia as 'Swans.'

- TUT



Short for tutorial, which is, in essence, a Q&A session with lecturers or other students that differs depending on the module.

- WELCOMING/ O-WEEK



This is the period during which the newcomers are welcomed to Stellenbosch University by their respective CSC or Residence.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Campus

- Campus Security: 021 808 2333
- Campus Security: WhatsApp :082 808 2333
- Police Station: 021809 5000 / 10111
- Ambulance: 10177 / 999
- Fire Department: 021808 8888 24
- Locksmith: 087550 3161
- US Crisis Service: 082 557 0880

Medical Services Number

- Campus Health: 021 808 3496 / 021 808 3494
- General CSCD: 021 808 4994
- (Centre for Student Counselling and Development) 24 Hour CSCD Crisis Line: 021 557 0880
- Stellenbosch Provincial Hospital: 021 808 6100
- Stellenbosch Medi-Clinic: 021 861 2000
- Medi-Clinic ER: 021 861 2094
- ER 24: 021 809 6500
- Stelkor Medicross: 021 887 0305
- Netcare Ambulance: 084 124



**MATIES
ATHLETICS**

**The Centre for Student Life and
Learning and Maties Athletics
present**

Cluster Newcomers Athletics meeting

**06 Feb 2025
17:30 - 20:30
at Coetzenburg
Athletics Stadium**



December 2024

Dear Prospective Student

CHARGING FIRST YEAR WELCOMING PACKAGES TO STUDENT ACCOUNTS 2025

Welcome to your Commuter Student community at Stellenbosch University! You have been assigned to a CSC (Commuter student Community) as you have not chosen to stay in an SU residence in 2025. During the annual welcoming period in the beginning of the year, communities take responsibility for exposing first years to Stellenbosch University in a welcoming manner.

Because CSCs do not have a dining hall (although some CSCs will arrange meals for their students in dining halls during the welcoming period) where students can enjoy meals, CSC first years are provided with "welcoming packages". These packages usually consist of several meals, clothing, and other items unique to each community. During CSC registration on the first day of Welcoming (Tuesday 28th January 2025), you will have the option of purchasing one of these welcoming packages at a set price (which may vary from community to community). Each CSC will also offer different options (both clothing and meals, only meals, only clothing, etc.) that students can then select. Please see the bottom of this email for more information.

Stellenbosch University utilizes a cashless system to allow students to purchase these packages hassle free. You, or your parents or guardian, will have to sign an acknowledgment of debt on the day so that the clothing, food, etc. for the welcoming period can be made available to you. After registration the cost will be charged to your student account to be paid with all other student-related expenses. Please note that once the form is signed you will be liable for the costs of the package selected, regardless of you having all the meals or not, or not wanting the clothing after the first few days.

Acquiring the "welcoming packages" is not compulsory, but we do want to encourage you to take the opportunity to do so as it will make your welcoming period a much more enjoyable experience. Please find attached the form for your completion. You are welcome to print the form and bring it along.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at cscu@sun.ac.za

PERMISSION: CHARGING COST OF WELCOMING PACKAGE TO 2025 STUDENT ACCOUNT

DETAILS OF STUDENT

NAME AND SURNAME:

STUDENT NUMBER:

CSC:

CHOICE OF WELCOMING PACKAGE (MARK WITH AN X):

FULL FOOD PACKAGE COST: R670*	PARTIAL FOOD PACKAGE COST: R340*	MERCH PACKAGE 1 COST: R375*	MERCH PACKAGE 2 COST: R475*	Other

By signing this form, you commit in writing to the following:

I hereby grant permission that the cost of the welcoming package may be charged to my student account.

I understand that acquiring the welcoming package is not compulsory.

I understand that if I sign the form, I must pay the costs and I will not be able to be reimbursed¹.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT OR GUARDIAN:

DATE:

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***Please know that these amount are subject to change**

¹ Please take note that we usually do not reimburse students simply because they change their minds. However, if the goods are faulty or defective, have been described incorrectly, differ from the sample shown to you or do not function according to their purpose, you can choose between reimbursement, exchange, or repair of the goods.

Full food package (9 Lunch, 4 Dinner)

Date	Food packages
28 January 2025	Lunch
29 January 2025	Lunch
30 January 2025	Lunch
31 January 2025	Lunch + Dinner
1 February 2025	None
3 February 2025	Lunch
4 February 2025	None
5 February 2025	Lunch + Dinner
6 February 2025	Lunch + Dinner
7 February 2025	Lunch + Dinner
8 February 2025	Lunch @ Heemstede

Partial food package (4 Lunch, 3 Dinner)*

Date	Food packages
28 January 2025	Lunch
29 January 2025	Lunch
30 January 2025	None
31 January 2025	Lunch and Dinner
1 February 2025	Lunch
3 February 2025	None
4 February 2025	None
5 February 2025	None
6 February 2025	Dinner
7 February 2025	Dinner
8 February 2025	None

Merch Package 1

T-shirt
Tote Bag
Visor or Bucket Hat (Please indicate which)

*Subject to change

Merch Package 2

T-shirt Tote Bag Visor or Bucket Hat (Please indicate which) Card Holder Water Bottle	Sh
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