



MINERVA

WELCOME HOME.
YOU ARE MORE THAN JUST A MATIE

WELCOMING BOOKLET 2026



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MINERVA FEMALE RESIDENCE

For Google Maps, simply type in
"Minerva Residence Stellenbosch"
or you can enter our residence address into your GPS:
7 Hofmeyr Street | Stellenbosch Central
Stellenbosch 7600

House email:
hkminerv@sun.ac.za



ABOUT OUR HOME

Minerva is the Roman name for the Greek goddess Athena, who is seen as the goddess of wisdom, beauty and arts. We pride ourselves on being a diverse house where each resident can develop themselves to their full potential & build lifelong friendships.

Our residence is home to about 268 residents which now officially includes you. Our values are respect, proactivity, growth, balance and kindness.

Respect means giving due regard to the feelings, rights, and wishes of others while acknowledging our differences.

Fun fact :

You are “**More than just a Matie**” now and are officially “**Simply the Best**”.

We value **pro-activity**, where we intentionally strive for improvement by anticipating, learning, creating, and taking ownership of situations as active citizens within and beyond Minerva. **Growth** is encouraged through physical, mental, and spiritual development by exchanging opinions, reflecting on ourselves, and deepening our understanding of human experiences. We believe in **balance** — being culturally enriched through participation, learning from one another, and maintaining stability in all areas of life. Above all, we uphold **kindness** by being friendly, generous, and considerate, forming genuine relationships, and fostering a sense of safety and belonging.

Letter from the Residence Head

Dr. Melanie Petersen



Dear Minerva Newcomers of 2026

Welcome to your new living and learning space! As your Residence Head, I am absolutely thrilled to welcome you to Minerva – a place that will quickly become so much more than just where you live. It will become a community of sisters, friends, late-night study partners, and lifelong confidantes.

Right now, you might be feeling a wonderful mix of emotions – excitement, nervousness, anticipation, and perhaps uncertainty. Let me assure you: every single feeling you're experiencing is completely normal, and you are exactly where you're meant to be. You belong here, and we are eagerly waiting for you!

Minerva is special because of the incredible young women who call it home. Over the coming weeks, you'll meet housemates who will become your chosen family. You'll share meals in the dining hall with someone from a town you've never heard of, have meaningful conversations that last until late night, celebrate each other's victories, and support one another through challenges. These moments will shape not just your university experience, but who you become as a person.

Our welcoming programme has been thoughtfully designed with you in mind. We want you to feel safe, supported, and celebrated from the moment you arrive. You'll learn everything you need to know – from navigating campus to managing your laundry (yes, we'll cover that too!) – but more importantly, you'll discover the joy of being part of something bigger than yourself. You'll find your people, your place, and your confidence. I want you to know something important: support is always available within our house. Whether you need help finding your lecture venue, advice on managing homesickness, someone to celebrate good news with, or just a listening ear – we will be here for you. You just need to reach out. Your well-being and success matter deeply to me and the leadership of this house and supporting you is not just a task or obligation; it's our privilege.

Letter from the Residence Head (Continued)

As you prepare for your arrival, I encourage you to come with an open heart and mind. Be ready to try new things, to step out of your comfort zone (even when it feels scary), and to embrace the beautiful diversity of perspectives and experiences your housemates will bring. Some of your most treasured university memories will come from the unexpected moments – the spontaneous dance parties, the shared midnight snacks, the heart-to-hearts that happen when you least expect them.

As Residence Head, it is my mission to help you grow into the best person you can be, ready to deal with real-world challenges when you eventually leave here. My role is not to solve every challenge you face, but to guide and support you as you develop the skills to address these challenges independently. This inevitably means that sometimes you will be stretched, and as Minervianers have come to know me, I always look for the learning moments in any and all situations. My hope for each one of you is that Minerva will become a living and learning space that will challenge, inspire, and transform you in ways you cannot yet imagine.

You are about to embark on an extraordinary journey, and I am so excited to walk alongside you. The skills you'll develop here – independence, resilience, empathy, and the ability to build meaningful relationships – will serve you for the rest of your life. But more than that, you'll discover strengths you didn't know you had and build friendships that will last forever.

In the coming days, you'll receive all the practical information about move-in details and what to bring. For now, just know this: you are welcomed, you are valued, and you are already part of our Minerva family.

I cannot wait to meet each and every one of you and to watch you flourish in this incredible community we'll build together.

With warmth and excitement,

Dr. P

*Residence Head, Minerva
Stellenbosch University*

Meet the Primaria

Unakho Mpulu



"The first arrival is never just a place on a map, it's the moment your heart learns a new rhythm."

Dearest Newcomer,

Welcome to your latest adventure.

University is the first steps towards you chasing a dream and allowing yourself to experience something new. Something that you care about enough that it scares you to embark on. This journey will not be perfect and it will not be easy, but you will get through it and achieve things you never knew you could, and though I can't shield you from the trials and tribulations that may come, I can assure you that you are in no better place to be supported through it all. Our residence awaits you with open arms and open hearts, and is ready to catch you when the time comes.

The Minerva you will come to know will challenge you and encourage you to become your best self. You will meet people from different walks of life who will enrich your world view. You will meet the dearest of companions. Your life will be fuller than ever before. Get ready to be part of a community. Be warned we are a spirited bunch, with unwavering house pride. If you're open to her, Minerva will impart her wisdom on you, she will allow you to make art of the life you'll find here and you will grow into the person you are meant to become.

As your Primaria, I hold the greatest honour of being able to play such a vital role in your transition. To be someone you can trust and to guide you and this house this year. I can only hope that my leadership will inspire you to stare down life and have a larger than life attitude. For you to personify our values and become a true Minervianer. We will walk this journey together and you will never be alone.

So while you get ready to pack up your life, I urge to come ready for the most fun filled and engaging welcoming programme. Come ready to meet your people and get ready to leave your mark on us and to tap into the 'new rhythm' of the bosch.

See you soon,

With all my love and excitement,

Unakho Mpulu



Meet the Vice-Primaria

Anneri Swart

New Minervianers, Welcome!

I am so excited to meet you all during Welcoming! You are the next generation of Minervianers who will walk the wonderful passages of Minerva, proudly wear our iconic red, and one day shout our MIINERRRVAA chant with your whole chest. (Don't worry, you'll understand that reference soon enough)

I have the privilege of being your Vice-Primaria for 2026. I'm currently studying BSc Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, and yes... I am a complete genetics geek! If you ever want to talk CRISPR or PCR... I'm your girl. But as much as I love science, one thing that is close to my heart, is Minerva.

This residence is special. The Minervianers have built a community that is warm, supportive, spirited in the best way, and empowering. Being part of welcoming the next generation... you... is an honour I don't take lightly.

Welcoming is not just a time of activities and introductions. It's a moment of growth. A chance to step out of your comfort zone, meet people who might become your lifelong friends, discover new strengths in yourself, and fall in love with this amazing residence that you now get to call home.

I cannot wait to see you walk through our doors on day one...nervous, excited, curious...(Its ok I've been there as well) and watch you grow into confident young females who will one day leave Minerva with the same love that I have for this home.

It is truly such a privilege to walk this journey with you, and I promise:

You are in for a year filled with joy, community, and the best kind of buzz. Because Minerva isn't just a res. It's "simply the best." (You'll get that reference soon too)

I can't wait to meet you!

Anneri Swart



Meet the Strategic Advisor

Makwetja Mamabolo

Welcome Home

There are a series of events you will experience through the course of your life that define it. These moments happen sparsely and without warning. One day you will look back at your life and realise that becoming a Minervainer was one of those moments.

A few lucky people get the opportunity to experience residence life in a town like Stellenbosch and a select few of them have the privilege to be Minervianers. Minerva is a residence that prides itself on a strong value-based leadership structure where members of the residence are valued, respected, appreciated and celebrated. Each community on campus comes with its own unique culture and history yet no community's is as rich and alluring as Minerva's. Our welcoming programme is curated with the goal of introducing and acclimatising you to the greater campus and all it has to offer but more importantly to the start of your future and to your soon to be sisters that you will have the privilege to experience it with.

Female residences are places of laughter, love, fun, friendship but mostly sisterhood. Within these hallowed halls you will be given the opportunity to connect with others in ways you could never imagine. So, what may feel like nerves and anxiety in due time will be a long-forgotten memory replaced with moments of you will never forget with friends you will keep for the rest of your life. So, with an open heart and arms Minerva and I welcome you to your future.

Kindest of Regards,
Makwetja Mamabolo





HOUSE COMMITTEE



Ameliè Strauss



Andile Sibiya



Aphelele Shelembe



Atlegang Motswenyane



Awande Mahlangu



Carlè Potgieter

Our HC (House Committee) is a team of student leaders. It includes the Primaria, Vice-Primaria, and Strategic Advisor. The HC is elected by the residents each year to help guide and support the house.



HOUSE COMMITTEE CONT.



Chantelle van Wyk



Michaela Grundman



Ruth Binder



Theresa Ritter

The HC works closely with the Resident Head to manage daily operations, represent residents within the university, and coordinate major events throughout the year.

Meet the Head Mentor

Kristin Blignaut

**Welcome to Minerva. Welkom by Minerva.
Wamkelekile eMinerva.**

Congratulations on getting into the best female res on campus. I am privileged enough to have been able to call this place my home for the past three years and I am even more privileged to call it my home for my final year.

I remember the exact moment I got placed into Minerva - especially the mix of emotions that I felt. I remember being nervous about leaving home, worried that I might not make any friends and stressed about the change from High School to University. The nerves are normal! I promise you every single Minervianer felt it but I hope that alongside the nerves, you are excited. Minerva has brought me so much joy, adventures, memories and friendships! I can confidently say that will do the same for you!

As you embark on this new journey and open a new chapter in your life, my only wish is that Minerva may be a place that helps you grow into whomever you're destined to be. I know it may seem daunting now looking ahead without knowing what's coming, but know that we at Minerva are super excited to meet every single one of you, but more than that, we are here to stand beside you and guide you every step of the way! Nothing can ever be too daunting if we tackle it together.

The mentors here at Minerva, as well as myself, cannot wait to meet each and every one of you! We are here to support you through this journey of becoming a Matie and (even better) a Minervianer. We can't wait to welcome you home!

Much love,
Kristin Blignaut





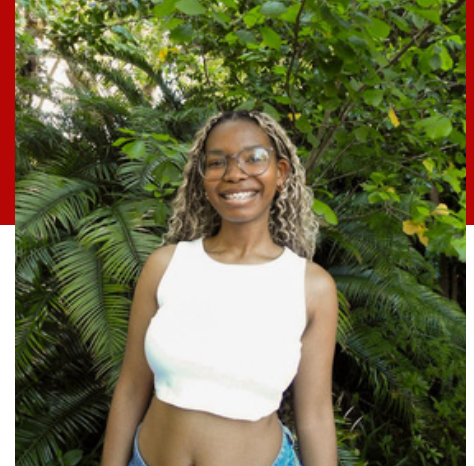
YOUR MENTORS



Dakalo Netshiozwi



Edlin Kannemeyer



Emihle Mashiya



Kalyn Stoffels



Karabo Nosi



Leila Hibling



Leila Wakefield



**Lindokuhle
Mdunyelwa**



Mari-el Massyn

YOUR MENTORS CONT.



Milisa Rossouw



Nandi Gous



Sarah Banyard



Sarah Stewart



Tanaka Batidzirai



**Xi'anje
Diamouangana**

The mentors are your guides through the first year of university. They have been elected by a panel of professionals based off their proficiency and warm personalities.

Each of you will be allocated to a mentor whom you will get to know during welcoming. Don't worry, you'll meet them soon!



MEET YOUR WELCOMING LEADERS

A huge and heartfelt welcome to each of you! We are so excited to finally say that your journey at Minerva is starting, and we are thrilled to get to be a part of it. You are about to become part of a family, a sisterhood and group of people who you will forever be able to call your friends.

Over the next few days, prepare yourselves for an unforgettable welcoming filled with the kind of passion that defines Minerva. From legendary cheers to countless chances to connect with your new Minerva family and the wider Stellenbosch community, this is just the beginning.

Change can be daunting, but in this community, change transforms from something scary into your greatest opportunity for growth. We are here to ensure that your Welcoming is not just a time where you have lots and lots of fun, but also a time where you feel truly supported, and we will be there to help you settle in and feel at home from day one.

We want you to bring your full, brilliant, energetic selves. Come ready to jump in, share your spark, and soak up the incredible energy we're about to create together. We are so eager to get to know you and support you as you step into this amazing new world.

You belong here, completely and utterly. We already know you're going to do amazing things, and we simply cannot wait to see you soon! If you have any worries or questions at all, message us anytime!

With so much excitement and lots of love,
Aphelele and Michaela

Aphelele (081 709 7689) , Michaela (082 957 7982)





WHAT IS WELCOMING?

The welcoming period is your university orientation. It is the time when you'll get to know Minerva, explore campus, and learn everything to settle into this new chapter of your life. It's designed to help you navigate university with confidence, and trust us... it's nothing like high school orientation.

You'll be supported every step of the way. The House Committee, mentors, and Residence Head will guide you throughout the entire process and are always ready to help with **anything** you need.

The welcoming programme is designed to be inclusive, engaging, and rooted in open-mindedness, respect, balance, and learning.

You'll meet other residences, take part in fun activities, and end off with Connect (Vensters) — a major showcase where paired residences perform short skits with dancing and a bit of acting. Don't stress about the moves; it's all about having fun. This year, we're partnered with Vesta.

When you arrive, Aphelele and Michaela will explain all the activities and guide you through how welcoming works.

Check out the videos below of Welcoming 2025:

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFzW OQKtlnr/?igsh=NXhhYmFiMm41ajUj>

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFze QEutVAn/?igsh=dG13aW9ubjYzdGJy>

MOVE-IN PROGRAMME

26 January 2026 (Monday)

14:00	Law Faculty & SOAR newcomers move in
18:00 - 20:00	Law Faculty Programme at Old Hoof Gebou
20:00 - 21:30	Cluster Social
21:30 - 23:00	Movie Night
23:00	Bedtime

27 January 2026 (Tuesday)

8:30 - 16:00	Law Faculty Programme at Old Hoof Gebou
10:00 - 14:00	Newcomers move in
14:30 - 16:00	Parents & Newcomers talk & Leadership Introduction
16:00 - 16:30	Who & What is Minerva
16:30 - 17:15	Tour Your New Home
17:15 - 18:00	Talk with Dr P
18:00-19:00	Dinner
19:00 - 20:00	Merch Hand-Out

MOVE-IN PROGRAMME

27 January 2026 (Continued)

20:00 - 20:30	Unpacking
20:30 - 21:30	Section Bonding
21:30 - 22:15	Mentor talk
22:15	Bedtime

Please note:

- Only Law & SOAR students move in on the 26th January from 14:00.
- All other newcomers move in on the 27th January from 10:00.
- On the 27th January all Law Students join our programme from 16:00 after their faculty programme.
- Our address is 7 Hofmeyr Street, Stellenbosch Central





Fun Fact:

Minerva has 3 floors and a total of 14 sections each lead by a HC member

MAKING THIS HOUSE A HOME

Move-in day comes with a few things to remember — and a few things to bring along. (Quick tip: make sure you're in comfy shoes, because you'll definitely be climbing plenty of stairs!) All newcomers, or first years, will be sharing a room with a roommate. This is why completing and emailing your personal questionnaire is essential; you'll receive it in the same email as this booklet. Your answers help us pair you with the most suitable roommate possible. Sharing a room is a meaningful part of residence life, and for many, it becomes the start of a great friendship. There's truly no need to feel nervous — arriving with an open mind and a willingness to connect is more than enough.

Your room will include:

- Two single or three-quarter beds
- Two desks + Two chairs
- Two cupboards
- Two bookshelves
- Two towel rails
- Curtains
- Two dustbins



MINERVA



OUR FACILITIES

- **14 Sections: each with bathrooms, and a kitchenette (includes a microwave, induction plate and a boiler)**
- **Study Hall**
- **Dining Hall (includes water dispensers)**
- **Balconies with chilling space**
- **MINERGA – the study area (includes two computers and a printer)**
- **Laundry room equipped with washing machines, dryers, and a washing line.**

- **A catering company that prepares three meals a day (*various options including Vegan & Halaal*) – we will show you how to book these meals.**
- **We have WiFi in the whole residence**
- **A Tuckshop where you can buy snacks during set times.**
- **Minerva2Minerva Care Cupboard (*A small pantry with products for fellow Minervianers who are having financial constraint*)**

Click the Link for a feel of your new home: https://youtu.be/yVuDOGW_jvE?si=gYHOIBE9BkNa2oe2

WHAT TO PACK/ BRING:

These are items that can make your stay more comfortable. None of them need to be expensive, and it's completely okay if you can't — or simply don't want to buy everything on the list. After the essentials, there are also optional items that can make residence life a bit more convenient or cosy. You are not required to purchase them; they are just suggestions you can consider based on your needs and budget.

Essentials:

- Toiletries
- Bedding (mattress cover, duvet, pillows)
- A towel
- Flip-flops for showering (very important!)
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen & umbrella
- Clothing hangers
- Washing powder
- Laundry bag or basket
- Dish towel, sponge, and soap
- Crockery, cutlery, containers
- Two locks — one for your cupboard and one for your room door
- A multi-plug, double adapter, or extension lead (must have a breaker)
- A shower caddy/basket for carrying toiletries
- A large plastic basin for storing and carrying dirty dishes

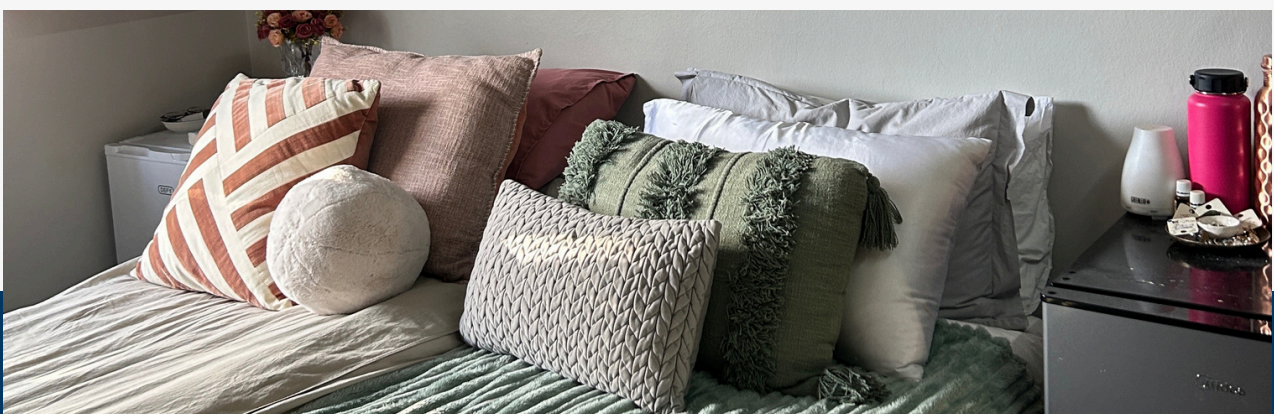
Good-to-have items:

- A fan for the Stellies summer heat
- A heater for the very cold winter days (**no bar & gas heaters**)
- Mini fridge, study lamp
- Decorations or anything that makes your room feel like home

Our kitchenettes make use of induction plates, so if you plan on cooking, please bring pots and pans that are **compatible** with induction plates.

No need to bring:

- A microwave — every floor already has several
- A kettle — there's always boiling water available in the kitchenettes & the dining hall



MERCHANDISE A.K.A MINERCH



During the welcoming period, we dress in coordinated attire. This helps us identify one another easily, especially since we move around in large groups for various activities. We will provide all the required Minerva merchandise; however, you will need to make financial provision for it. The total cost is **R600 (once-off or in instalment)**, which includes:

- 2 Minerva-branded t-shirts
- 1 Minerva visor
- 1 Toga
- 1 Maties t-shirt
- 1 Vensters t-shirt

The R600 payment will be made upon arrival via **SnapScan only**. Minerva uses the SnapScan app for **all payments**, so please ensure that your account is set up before you arrive.

You will wear this merchandise throughout the welcoming period as instructed by the welcoming leaders, and you will continue to use it during the year. It is a worthwhile investment and an essential part of being a Minervianer. You will be able to choose the size that fits you best when you arrive.

Please bring the following items if possible:

- Black t-shirt, white t-shirt
- All White Outfit
- White shoes
- Black or denim shorts
- Black leggings
- Comfortable activewear & something you don't mind getting dirty

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

PLEASE NOTE: Some of these events require tickets for attendance. Ticket prices will be communicated well in advance



Minerva Week

This is a week where the residents are given the opportunity to bond. Minerva week provides a platform to create unity between the different year groups. In past years, the week was a great success and it therefore set a fantastic tone for the rest of the year. This is also the week we show off our Togas on campus. For more cuteness click the link:

<https://vt.tiktok.com/ZSfeayPWW/>

House Fund Dance



House Fund Dance is a laid-back, fun dress-up event where we dance the night away while raising money for our big House Dance. It is casual, it is lively and it is all for a good cause — we raise funds for Minervianers who cannot afford a ticket to the House Dance. Click the link to view a little throw back:

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/C7Bam-XNlhN/?igsh=MXJibXRqZG02bnJjdA==>

Stay-in-Weekend

Nothing brings people together quite like a full weekend under one roof. Stay-In-Weekend is Minerva's long-standing tradition where we spend three days in res enjoying movies, high teas, activities, and time to actually connect. If you have never heard of it, think of it as a relaxed, community-building weekend that feels a little like a throwback sleepover.



Derby Week

Every year each residence takes on the same competitor in a battle of trolley races, debating, trivia, hockey, netball and more. In the spirit of friendly competition, they prepare in anticipation and come out in numbers to bring their residence to victory. Minerva's competition is Heemsteede and as a result red and blue fills the streets and our dreams. We hope to display our passion for Minerva in term 3 in a fun and exhilarating derby week



House Dance

House Dance is our version of a Matric Dance, offering a formal evening where everyone dresses up and celebrates together. It's a memorable night marked by elegance, great music, and a chance for the Minerva community to come together in a truly special way.



SENIORS' COMMITTEE



Irmari Oosthuizen
Chairperson



Ilme Taljaard
Vice-Chairperson



Amy van Staden



Annika Dirker



Ayesha Saal



Hannerie Rossouw



Jenna Victor



Karien Coetzee



**Lente van
Nieuwenhuizen**



Marzél de Plessis



Megan Petersen



Megan Yelverton



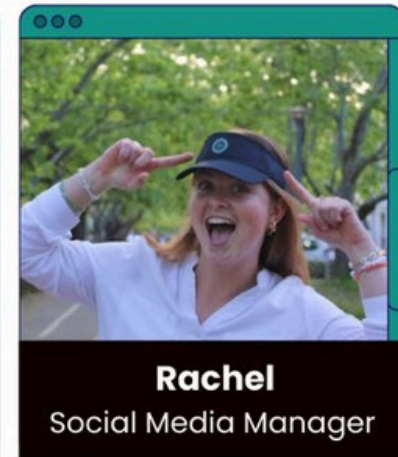
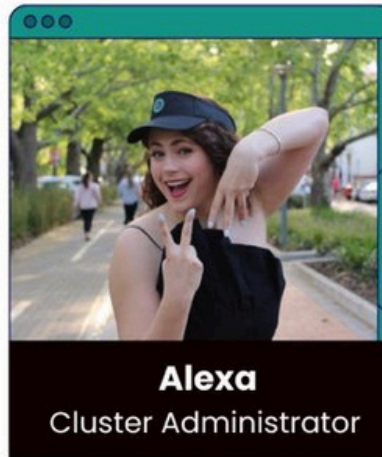
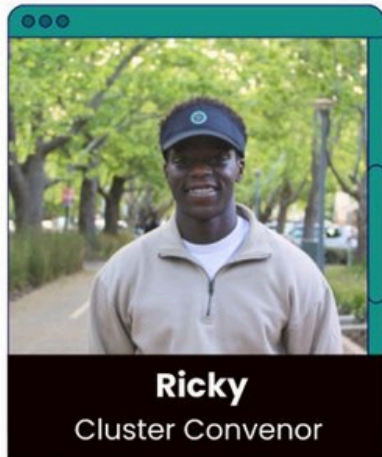
Telieze Coetzee



Tessa Meiring

The Seniors Committee is a supportive leadership group of senior students who help run house initiatives, uphold Minerva's traditions through important Minerva events, they contribute to maintaining our house culture and serve the senior students while strengthening the spirit of the house.





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!



Camaraderie | Respect | Integrity | Critical Thinking



VICMEYR SONGS

Oh VicMeyr

Oooh oh oh VicMeyr x4 (at least)

SONG 1

Wie maak die jol vol

Wie maak die jol vol

VicMeyr maak die jol vol

Yaaaaaaa (with beat)

SONG 2

Masambe VicMeyr

Let's go VicMeyr!

Masambe

Masambe

Masambe VicMeyr

SUKANI SUKANI (hip movements)

SONG 3



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



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

GENERAL INFO/ FAQ:

What is Quota?

Quota refers to the funds placed on your student account that you can use for various on-campus services. This includes printing, laundry (washing machines and dryers), and booking meals in the dining hall. You'll manage all of your quota through the MySun portal — and you'll be guided through the process when you get here, so no need to stress.

What is COB?

COB is another type of funds loaded onto your student account. It's used to buy food at the Neelsie and works on a simple tap-and-go system using your student card. Like quota, COB is also managed through the MySun portal. Some bursaries provide two separate amounts — one for quota and one for COB — which will appear individually on your student account.

Does my room get cleaned?

We have a cleaning company and staff who clean the bathrooms and communal spaces. They will also clean (sweep, mop and dust) your room twice a week. If your room is a mess, don't expect them to clean. The cleaning company does not clean up bodily fluids such as vomit and blood therefore it is your responsibility to ensure you clean up your mess

Where can I store things, like empty suitcases?

You can keep these in your room or use one of Minerva's storerooms. However, there is limited space and you store your things completely at your own risk.

May my significant other sleep over?

We do not allow males or females to have sleepovers at our residence as it is a safety risk. However, there is a visitors policy that gets voted in by the house and we make use of that to regulate visiting times and rules.

What is Minerva-to Minerva?

Minerva-to-Minerva is a support initiative created to assist Minervianers wherever possible. Its goal is to ensure that everyone in our community has the chance to grow and reach their full potential without being held back by challenges such as food insecurity or limited access to sanitary and hygiene products. One of the ways we offer support is through our care-cupboard – a stocked cupboard of food and toiletries that any Minervianer can use anonymously when they need it. We can also help by sponsoring event tickets and connecting students with contacts for longer-term assistance.

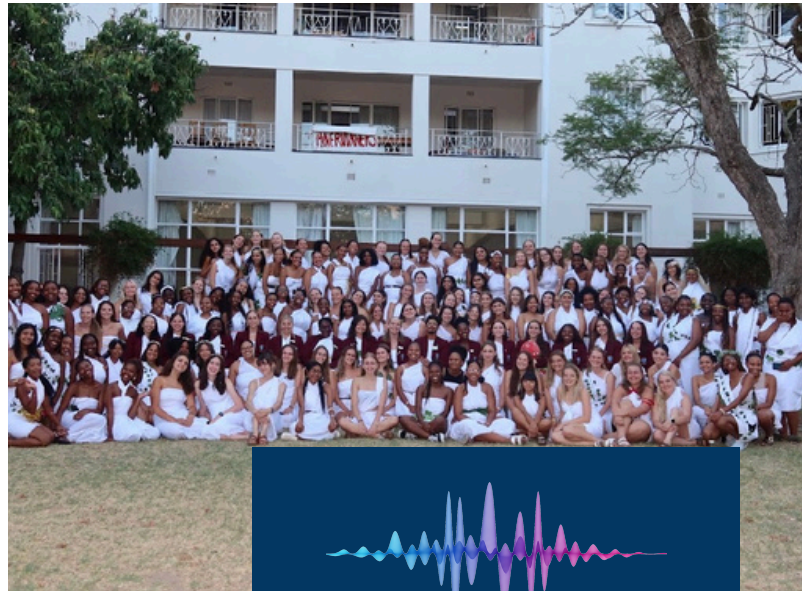
If you are able to, please bring at least one of the following items so we can restock the cupboard:

- Beans | Tin fish | Tuna | Rice | Noodles | Cup a soup | Teabags | Sugar | Oats | Cereal | Pads | Tampons | Bar soap | Toothpaste

Am I allowed to cook at res?

You are allowed to cook for yourself. However, you are **NOT allowed** to have **spiral** plates. You can use the induction plates placed at the kitchenettes but ensure you have suitable cookware. You can look at the back of your pot packaging for a coiled wire or magnetic loop icon to ensure that it is suitable cookware.





HOUSE SONG:

Hier in die hart van boskampus, pryk trots die Griekse godin.

(Here in the heart of campus, the Greek goddess stands proud)

Waar almal kan sien dat ons die huis dien in wysheid, skoonheid en kunste.

(Where everyone can see that we serve the house in wisdom, beauty and art.)

'n Dankbare gees, 'n eer om te wees, die lede van Minerva.

(A thankful spirit, an honour to be, the members of Minerva)

Minerva Sibanye

(Minerva, we are one)

Sakha uxolo nothando

(We build peace and love)

Sibumbene sibanye

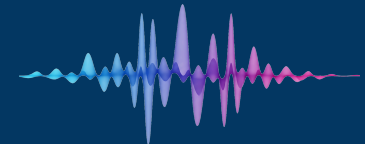
(We are united, we are one)

iMinerva likhaya

(Minerva, our home)

All of us together standing here, we form a mighty union, unable to be broken, by anyone at all. Minerva we want you, to be wanting us

- for being a Matie is just not enough!



Click link for house song audio:

<https://youtu.be/9zFivNzUAZk?si=0d7JpgmGRqf6KSwF>



HELPFUL NUMBERS:

Campus Security – **021 808 2333**

Campus Security Night Escort – **082 808 2333**

Campus Health Services – **082 808 3494**

Centre for Student Counselling and Development 24-hour Crisis Line
– **082 557 0880**

Ombudsman – **082 807 2994**

Police Flying Squad – **10111**

ER24 Ambulance – **084 124**

Netcare Ambulance – **082 911**

Medi-Clinic 24-hour Emergency Unit – **021 886 9999**

Stelkor Doctors – **021 887 0305**

Stellenbosch Dental Studio – **021 887 6787**

Eikestad Dentists – **021 887 6938/6984**

Kenlyn Driving School – **083 660 0569**

Delta Driving School – **072 300 1301**

Echo Driving School – **072 244 4788**

Adcock Ingram Depression and Anxiety Helpline – **0800 70 80 90**

Rape Crisis Line – **021 447 9762**

Gender Based Violence Command Centre – **0800 428 428** Marie

Botha Clinical Psychologist – **079 102 6425**

Minnie Loubser Clinical Psychologist – **078 869 3602**

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