



MINERVA

MORE THAN JUST A MATIE.

INFORMATION BOOKLET



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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:
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ABOUT OUR HOME

Fun fact :

You look like you belong in Minerva!

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 267 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.

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.



WHY MINERVA?

Being a Minervianer is a feeling of warmth, belonging, and being genuinely seen. From the moment you arrive, there's a quiet kind of comfort that settles in, where unfamiliar faces quickly become familiar and friendships begin to form in the most natural way.

With the support of mentors, the House Committee, and the Residence Head, you're never navigating this new chapter alone. The environment is rooted in kindness, openness, and respect, making it easy to find your place and feel at home. There's a beautiful balance between growth and comfort here.

Whether it's late-night chats, shared study moments, or simply existing in a space where people care about you, Minerva becomes more than just where you live; it becomes part of who you are. You're encouraged, supported, and surrounded by a community that wants to see you thrive, both academically and personally, all while feeling safe, valued, and completely yourself.

Academically, Minerva creates a space where doing well feels natural because you're never doing it alone. There's a quiet culture of support—whether it's studying together, helping each other understand tough concepts, or simply motivating one another to keep going. It's an environment where growth is shared, and where you're constantly inspired to become the best version of yourself.

SOME OF THE TRADITIONS WE LOVE

TOGA TUESDAY

A fun tradition where we wear our togas on campus and bring a burst of energy to the day. It's all about walking around together, sharing laughs, and turning an ordinary Tuesday into something memorable. A highlight is the spontaneous run to McDonald's in full toga—simple, chaotic, and full of laughs, making it one of those Minerva moments you don't forget.



HYPE SONG: SIMPLY THE BEST

Simply the Best is one of our most special traditions—whenever it starts playing, everything stops, and the whole residence comes together. It's one of those moments where everyone is singing, and completely in sync, just feeling proud to be part of Minerva. It is accompanied by a "special choreography" which makes it even more special.

MINERVA WEEK

A special week of bonding within the residence, where all year groups come together to connect and build unity. It's also the week where we proudly rock our Minerva merch, filling campus with a shared sense of identity and spirit, and loudly scream our iconic "MINERVAAAA!" chant. It creates a warm atmosphere that strengthens friendships, breaks down barriers, and sets the tone for the rest of the year—making Minerva feel like one true community.





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 constraints*)**

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



Fun Fact:

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

HOME IN OUR ROOMS

Our rooms include:

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

All first-year students are placed in double rooms and paired with a roommate based on their questionnaire responses.

Room tour video:

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DWb1UlGjVah/?igsh=aGlyY3N6Zjlrb2Rl>

TESTIMONIALS

Written by Minervianers



“Never in a million years did I imagine that a place so far from everything familiar would feel so much like home. Minerva has given me some of my closest friends, people who have truly become family. It showed me the beauty of girlhood in the most real way, and I wouldn’t trade it for anything. We’ve cried, we’ve laughed, and we’ve grown so much together. For that, Minerva, I will always be grateful.”

~ **Awande Mahlangu**

“Give me a lifetime of promises and a world of dreams, take my heart and make it strong, baby I could be in no better place, Minerva don’t tear us apart, you’re simply the best.”

~ **Emma Giles**

“As a first-year, Minerva has felt like home from the very beginning. There’s a warm, welcoming vibe where you’re quickly surrounded by familiar faces and genuine connections. It’s a space where you feel safe, supported, and able to just be yourself while settling into university life.”

~ **Mienke Janse van Rensburg**





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