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27 January

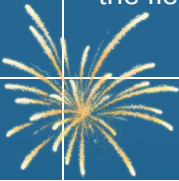


Times	Activity	Location	Details
07:00 – 13:00	Newcomers' Arrival	Office/ Study Centre/ Rooms	Newcomers check in at reception, get their biometrics done and are shown to their rooms
08:30 – 16:00	Law Faculty Program	Law Faculty (Old Main Building)	
12:00 - 13:30	Parent's Lunch	Academia Hall	Lunch for parents only, to introduce them to the HC, and for the office staff to cover some formalities
14:00 - 15:00	Meet the HC and your Mentor	Academia Hall	Meet the Welcoming Leadership and your mentor! We'll be explaining a bit about Welcoming and getting you connected to the important communication channels.
15:00 – 17:00	Speed Dating	Academia Hall	A light-hearted game to meet fellow Academia Residents
17:00 - 18:30	Dinner		Free time for your own dinner and unpacking.
18:30 – 21:00	Paint the Streets	Academia Hall	Decorate the streets of Academia and join for Carnival style games. One of the biggest nights of welcoming and an experience you won't forget!

28 January



Times	Activity	Location	Details
07:00 – 16:30	Late Newcomers' Arrival	Office/ Study Centre/ Rooms	Newcomers check in at reception, get their biometrics done and are shown to their rooms
08:00 – 12:00	Law Faculty Program continues	Old Main Building	
09:00 – 11:00	Venster's Practice	Academia Hall	The start of practices for Vensters, with eNkanyini, our partner community. Performances will be introduced so don't miss out!
10:00 – 15:00	Disability Information Session	External	
11:00 – 12:15	Office Information Session	Academia Hall	Info about laundry, visitor codes, maintenance and security. Compulsory for all newcomers.
12:15 – 13:00	Bring the Gees!	Academia Hall/Field	Time to turn up the energy! We're gearing up with the war cries you'll need for the Welcoming Program. Get ready to shout, cheer, and get LOUD!
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 – 17:00	Introduction of Parents to Faculties	Various	Per-Faculty introduction to parents.
14:00 – 15:30	Dreamwalk Hype Session	Academia Field	Maties 2026 shirts will be handed out. Preparation for Dreamwalk– the keystone event of the Welcoming program.
15:30 – 17:00	Walk to Danie Craven	Academia Field	Meet at the Academia Field to walk to the Danie Craven together.

17:00 – 18:00	Welcoming Program	Danie Craven	2026 Rectors Welcoming
18:15 – 19:00	Meet for the 2026 Photo	Danie Craven	Photo creating “2026” on the field with all the first years.
18:30 – 20:00	Alumni Welcoming for Parents	Danie Craven	
20:00 – 22:15	DREAMWALK down Victoria Street	Victoria Street	

29 January



Times	Activity	Location	Details
08:00 – 12:30	CLUSTER DAY	Academia	Sports/Activities Day with the rest of the Validus Cluster. Starting at Academia and then moving to other Communities
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch		
14:00 – 16:00	Faculty Programme Visits	Various	Per-Faculty Academic Program. Mentors/HC will walk newcomers to their faculties before the program starts.
14:00 – 15:30	Vensters Practice	Academia Hall 	Practice the Vensters Dances introduced the day before
15:30 – 17:30	Sip and Paint (Vensters Shirts)	Academia Hall 	Let's talk and paint a shirt that will be worn in the Vensters ("Connect") performance at the end of welcoming.
17:30 – 19:00	Dinner		
19:00 – 21:00	Quiz Night	Academia Hall 	Bring your thinking caps and dust off your general knowledge to take part in a fun quiz night! Lots of fun to be had and prizes to be won!

30 January



Times	Activity	Location	Details
08:00 – 12:00	Academic Program	Various	Per-Faculty Academic Program. Mentors/HC will walk newcomers to their faculties before the program starts.
11:30 – 12:00	Gather on Academia Field	Academia Field	
12:00 – 13:00	Gather and Walk to Coetzenburg		Meet up to walk together to the Coetzenburg for various activities organized by the university.
13:00 – 14:30	Theatre Production	Maties Coetzenburg Athletics Stadium	Theatre production with free entry for first years!
14:45 – 16:15	Welcoming Fair	Coetzenburg B & C Rugby Fields	Welcoming fair, where you can sign up to the clubs, societies and extra-murals available in Stellenbosch.
16:30 – 18:00	SRC Fun Event!	Maties B Soccer Field	Fun games and activities hosted by the Student Representative Council.
18:00 – 19:30	Dinner	Various	
19:30 – 21:00	Vibe & Unwind	Academia Hall/Field	End your day on a calm note—bring your crafts, a good book, boardgames and more to spend time with friends and unwind NB! This is time for those not able to paint their shirts for Vensters to do so!

31 January



Times	Activity	Location	Details
08:30 – 11:30	Rest		Time to relax and unwind
11:30-12:30	Self Defence and Safety	Academia Hall	A safety and self-defense workshop presented by campus security
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	Various	
13:00 – 16:00	Vensters Practice	Academia Hall	Practice the Vensters dances
16:00 – 18:00	Dinner	Various	
18:00 – 21:00	Amazing Race	Academia	Team up to race the clock and complete challenges around Aca! Face off against other teams to claim VICTORY!

1 February



Times	Activity	Location	Details
09:00 – 14:00	Rest	Various	Rest and recuperate
14:00 – 16:00	Vensters Practice	Academia Field	Practice the Vensters dances
16:00 – 17:00	Academic Help Session and Mentor Check-in	Academia Hall	Leadership are available to help with any tech, academic, or other issues you need help with. Pop in even if you just need to chat with a friendly face!
17:00 – 18:00	  Snack and Talk	Academia Hall	A fun cooking class to learn how to make an easy student meal and talk about relevant topics.

2 February



Times	Activity	Location	Details
09:00 – 17:30	Academic Program	Various	Per-Faculty Academic Program. Mentors/HC will walk newcomers to their faculties before the program starts.
12:00 – 12:30	SRC Roadshow	Academia Hall	The Student Representative Council to speak to newcomers and introduce themselves.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	Various	
14:00 – 15:00	Student Cards	VV Hall, Neelsie	Allocated slot with the university for Academia Students to get their student cards.
16:00 – 17:00	Academic Help Session and Mentor Check-in	Academia Hall	Leadership are available to help with any tech, academic, or other issues you need help with. Pop in even if you just need to chat with a friendly face!
17:00 – 19:00	Sokkie Evening	Academia Hall	Put on your dancing shoes and learn to Sokkie, line dance, and more with Ode Moulen, must learn skills when in Stellies!



3 February



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09:00 – 17:30	Academic Program	Various	Per-Faculty Academic Program. Mentors/HC will walk newcomers to their faculties before the program starts.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	Various	
16:30 – 17:30	Academic Help Session and Mentor Check-in	Academia Hall	Leadership are available to help with any tech, academic, or other issues you need help with. Pop in even if you just need to chat with a friendly face!
19:00 – 22:00	 1 st Year's Dance	 Academia Hall	A magical evening to have fun and dance with friends. Details to be sent of WhatsApp community...



4 February



Times	Activity	Location	Details
09:00 – 12:30	Academic Program	Various	Per-Faculty Academic Program. Mentors/HC will walk newcomers to their faculties before the program starts.
10:30 – 12:00	Zumba	Academia Hall/Field	Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to sweat! Our very own Dr Jocelyn Solomons will be leading this fun activity to loosen up and get ready for the day!
12:00 – 13:30	Rest	Various	Time to rest and run errands before the rest of the day continues
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch	Various	
14:00 – 16:00	Compulsory ECP session for students from the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Agri Sciences (Excluding BAgri Agri-business Management EDP & BScAgri Agricultural Economics & Management EDP)	Various	Please consult communication sent out by the university
14:30 – 16:30	Vensters Practice	Academia Hall	Practice the Vensters dances
16:30 – 17:00	Mentor Check-in		Chat to your mentor about how you are settling in, we'd love to know how you're doing!
17:00 – 18:00	Dinner	Various	
18:00 – 21:00	Let's Talk with Hippokrates	Academia Hall	Hippokrates is joining us from Tygerberg to have a fun and engaging session and talk about important topics for students.

5 February



Times	Activity	Location	Details
08:15 – 10:00	Compulsory Faculty Benchmark Test for all Newcomers of Science and AgriScience	TBC	Provided by university
10:00 – 13:00	Trolly Races	Academia Parking	Academia's famous Trolley Races. Compete for glory for your house!
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	Various	
14:00 – 15:00	Social with eNkanyini	Academia Field	Get to know our Vensters partners with a fun joint activity!
15:00 – 16:30	Vensters Practice with eNkanyini	Academia Hall/Field	First full practice with our partners for Vensters. Time to iron out the important details and get ready to perform!
16:30 – 17:30	Dinner & Walk to Maties Athletics Club	Academia Field	Gather and walk to Newcomers' Athletics Meet.
17:30 – 21:00	CLUSTER NEWCOMERS' ATHLETICS MEETING	Maties Athletics Club, COETZENBURG	Cluster Athletics meeting for all students who plan on joining cluster athletics. Come and show your support for Validus!



6 February



Times	Activity	Location	Details
09:00 – 12:00	Social Impact Morning with Aurora	Academia Hall/ Field	Get involved in simple, impactful activities that give back to the community. Let's spread some kindness and make a real difference together.
13:00 – 13:30	Dress Rehearsal	Connect Stages at Coetzenburg	Dress rehearsal for the Vensters performance
13:30 – 18:30	Vensters Practice with eNkanyini	Academia Hall	Final practice with eNkanyini for Vensters.
19:30 – 21:30	Movie Night	Academia Hall	Come for the free popcorn, stay for the movie and conversation! Keep an eye out on our socials to vote nor the movie!



7 February



Times	Activity	Location	Details
09:00 – 11:00	Rest and Prepare for Vensters	Various	Time to sleep in, and prepare for the busy afternoon
11:00 – 16:00	Connect Preparations	TBC	Final Practice and other preparations
16:00 – 23:00	Connect (“Vensters”)	Coetzenburg	Vensters Preformance



8 February

Times	Activity	Location	Details
All Day	Rest and get ready for Lectures	Various	Take the time to get ready for classes