

DAGBREEK

MANSKOSHUIS | MEN'S RESIDENCE



WELCOMING BOOKLET

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VICE-PRIM'S LETTER

Dear Dagbreker

It is an incredible privilege for me to warmly welcome you to the House of Renown and Fame. I want to congratulate you not only on your acceptance to Stellenbosch University, but also on your admission to Dagbreek Men's Residence. It has undoubtedly taken hard work and discipline, and I want to commend you for that.

It continues to amaze me how transformative my last three years in Dagbreek have been. The opportunities this house has given me-to pursue my passions, excel in various areas, grow as an individual, and build lasting relationships-make it possible for me to say without a doubt that these past three years have been the best of my life. Speak to any Old Dagbreker and they will echo this sentiment almost word for word. However, this only becomes true when you are willing to buy into the vision and invest time in the people around you. I can promise you: what you gain from this place is far more than what you put in.

I can also say with certainty that the coming year of your life here in Dagbreek will be unforgettable. You will be continually encouraged to grow and excel by the 380 value-driven men who, alongside you, are developing themselves fully. In Dagbreek, we strive to be balanced, multifaceted individuals-across academics, culture, sport, citizenship, and leadership-while living out our values of respect, human dignity, brotherhood, equality, and unity in our everyday lives.

I sincerely look forward to walking this journey with each of you; to seeing how you develop as young men and how you play a role in building on the legacy of this residence. But for now, enjoy your last school holiday to the fullest. We look forward to seeing you in January as you begin this new chapter of your life.

Kind regards

Niel Slabbert



BRIEF VAN DIE ONDERPRIM

Geagte Dagbreker

Dit is vir my 'n ongelooflike voorreg om jou hartlik te verwelkom in die Huis van Roem en Faam. Ek wil jou gelukwens met nie net jou aanvaarding tot Stellenbosch Universiteit nie, maar ook met jou toelating tot Dagbreek Manskoshuis. Dit het beslis harde werk en dissipline geverg, en ek wil jou daarvoor prys.

Dit bly vir my verstommend hoe transformatief my laaste drie jaar in Dagbreek was. Die geleenthede wat die huis my gebied het om my passies uit te leef, op verskeie terreine te presteer, as mens te ontwikkel en blywende verhoudings te bou, maak dat ek sonder twyfel kan sê dat die afgelope drie jaar in die huis die beste van my lewe was. Praat met enige oud-Dagbreker en hulle sal my sentiment byna word vir word eggo. Dit gebeur egter slegs wanneer jy bereid is om in te koop in die visie en tyd in die mense om jou te belê. Ek kan jou belowe: wat jy hieruit kry, is soveel meer as wat jy insit.

Ek kan ook met sekerheid sê dat die komende jaar van jou lewe hier in Dagbreek onvergeetlik sal wees. Jy sal voortdurend aangespoor word om te groei en te presteer deur die 380 waarde-gedrewe mans wat saam met jou hulself voluit ontwikkel. In Dagbreek streef ons daarna om gebalanseerde, veelsydige individue te wees-op akademiese, kulturele, sport-, burgerskap- en leierskapsvlak-terwyl ons daaglik ons waardes van respek, menswaardigheid, broederskap, gelykheid en eenheid uitleef.

Ek sien opreg uit om saam met elkeen van julle hierdie pad te stap; om te sien hoe julle as jong mans ontwikkel en hoe julle 'n rol speel in die voortbou van hierdie koshuis se nalatenskap. Maar vir nou: geniet jou laaste skoolvakansie vir oulaas. Ons sien jou in Januarie vir die begin van hierdie nuwe hoofstuk in jou lewe.

Vriendelike groete

Niel Slabbert



PRELIMINARY DATES

We are happy to announce that we have set out an exciting Welcoming Program for 2026! During the days leading up to the official start of the academic year, we will be introducing you to Dagbreek and Stellenbosch. This will ensure that you get a head start to everything the year has in store for you.

The following dates are important:

- Due to their academic programme starting earlier, our Law students can move into Dagbreek on Monday, 26 January 2026 from 14:00 onwards.
- The rest of the students are allowed to move in on Tuesday, 27 January 2026 between 08:00-12:30.

We would like to invite all of the newcomers and parents to join us for a parents meeting at 12:45 followed by a lunch from 13:15-14:15 on the 27th of January as well.

Please note that the Connect Event (Vensters) will be taking place on Saturday, 7 February 2026 from 16:00-23:00 at Welgevallen Sports Grounds.

GET IN TOUCH THROUGH EMAIL OR SOCIAL MEDIA:

①



Personal Email

②



Instagram

③



Facebook

④



Official Website



MENTORS IN DAGBREEK

Dear future Dagbreker,

Welcome to Dagbreek Men's Residence , your soon-to-be home in the heart of Stellenbosch.

Dagbreek has been around for 105 years (1921–2026). We celebrated our centenary in 2021, and as we move toward 2026, the history and stories of generations before you still shape daily life here. We are proud of our past, but even more focused on the future and the men we are forming now.

Arriving in a new town can be overwhelming with new people, new expectations and so much more new experiences. I remember that feeling, and how my mentor helped me to find my feet. Swiftly, Dagbreek became my home away from home.

You can expect the same. Our team of 22 senior mentors will help you settle in, navigate campus, understand residence traditions, and support you when things feel heavy. We are also available to your parents or guardians during and after welcoming.

Our goal as a mentor team is to empower you to become confident, resilient and engaged members of Dagbreek. We are dedicated to make a positive impact on your university experience by being reliable, approachable and compassionate mentors.

The strength of Dagbreek lies in its diversity and strong character. Here, human dignity, camaraderie and brotherhood, with service to others are core values – not slogans.

The road ahead will have challenges, but you will not face them alone. We look forward to welcoming you and see you grow as a Dagbreker.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I'm here to help and look forward to welcoming you to our community.

Beyers Roos
Head Mentor 2025/2026



MENTORS IN DAGBREEK

Beste toekomstige Dagbreker

Welkom by Dagbreek Manskoshuis, jou toekomstige tuiste in die hart van Stellenbosch. Dagbreek bestaan al vir 105 jaar (1921–2026). Ons het ons eeufees in 2021 gevier, en soos ons na 2026 beweeg, leef die geskiedenis en stories van generasies voor ons steeds voort in die dag-tot-dag lewe hier. Ons is trots op ons verlede, maar nóg meer gefokus op die toekoms en die manne wat ons tans vorm.

Om in 'n nuwe dorp aan te kom kan oorweldigend voel — nuwe mense, nuwe verwagtings en soveel nuwe ervarings. Ek onthou daardie gevoel goed, en hoe my mentor my gehelp het om my voete te vind. Binne kort het Dagbreek my huis weg van die huis geword.

Jy kan dieselfde verwag. Ons span van 22 senior mentore sal jou help om in te skakel, die kampus te leer ken, die tradisies van die koshuis te verstaan, en jou ondersteun wanneer dinge swaar voel. Ons is ook beskikbaar vir jou ouers of voogde tydens en ná verwelkoming.

Ons doel as mentorspan is om jou te bemagtig om 'n selfversekerde, veerkragtige en betrokke Dagbreker te word. Ons is toegewyd om 'n positiewe verskil in jou universiteitservaring te maak deur betroubare, toeganklike en deernisvolle mentors vir jou te wees.

Die krag van Dagbreek lê in sy diversiteit en sterk karakter. Hier is menswaardigheid, kameraadskap en broederskap — saam met diens aan ander — kernwaardes, nie net slagspreuke nie.

Die pad vorentoe sal uitdagings hê, maar jy hoef dit nie alleen aan te pak nie. Ons sien uit daarna om jou te verwelkom en te sien groei as 'n Dagbreker.

As jy enige vrae of bekommernisse het, moenie huiwer om my te kontak nie. Ek is hier om te help en sien uit daarna om jou by ons gemeenskap te verwelkom.

Beyers Roos
Hoofmentor 2025/ 2026



**"WE MAY NOT PRIDE
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ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH
HAVE ALREADY BEEN
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SILENT FAME LIES IN THE
ACHIEVEMENTS THAT
MUST STILL BE
ACCOMPLISHED"**

THE EIFFEL, OCTOBER 1963



CHECKLIST

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Suit, Tie and Button-up Shirt
- Formal/Chino pants
- Exercise Clothes and Shoes
- Two tennis balls (for quad cricket)
- R700 for Dagbreek Clothing ([See page 11](#)).

SPORTS OFFERED BY DAGBREEK:

- Rugby
- Squash
- Frisbee
- Cricket
- Tennis
- Soccer
- Golf
- Table Tennis
- Basketball
- Hockey
- Waterpolo
- Chess

PARKING FOR NEWCOMERS

The university has requested that we advise all newcomers **against** bringing cars to the campus unless absolutely necessary. Stellenbosch has a shortage of parking. As per the university rules residents of Dagbreek will only be able to register for official parking at Dagbreek from their second year onward.



IMPORTANT



NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS

Cashless payment options are used for all inhouse payments. **We strongly recommend and urge newcomers to download the SnapScan application** in order to safely and efficiently deal with payments that need to be made to Dagbreek's Treasury Department. White shocks and black exercise shorts will also be sold for those who don't have already. The R800 for a Dagbreek shirt, tie, hat and shorts can be paid for in the following ways:

PRIOR TO ARRIVAL:

1

SnapScan
QR Code

2

SnapScan
"Pay with card"



**Follow the Link and
Select Pay with Card**

[https://pos.snapscan.io
/qr/SU_DAGBREEKMER](https://pos.snapscan.io/qr/SU_DAGBREEKMER)
[CHANDISE](#)

ON ARRIVAL:

1

 SnapScan

2

Cash



AMOUNT: R800

REFERENCE: "STUDENT NUMBER"

THE FINAL DATE FOR PAYMENTS

1 FEBRUARY 2026

INSIDE THE ROOMS

ROOM ALLOCATIONS

You will be allocated to a double room with a roommate based on the questionnaire you fill in. We will match you with the best suited roommate for you. All newcomers live in double rooms for your first year and as you become older and earn room-points you have the opportunity to decide whether you want to stay in our senior flats which do have single rooms.

FURNITURE PROVIDED

- Bed frame
- Mattress
- Built-in, double door cupboards
- Bookshelf
- Bed-side cupboard
- Study table
- Chair
- 4 x Electrical sockets

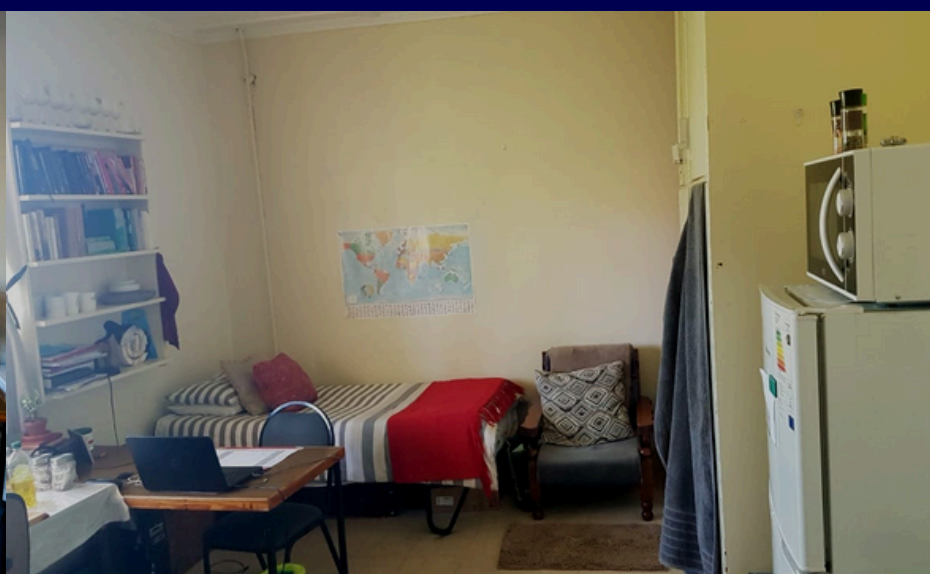
WHAT TO BRING FOR YOUR ROOM

- Bedding
- Study lamp
- Clothes hangers
- Multi-plug
- Washing powder
- Toiletries
- Towels
- Locks for cupboards and or doors
- Refrigerator (optional)
- Microwave (optional)
- Fan (optional)

*You will meet your roommate on move-in day only, so if we would like to buy appliances ahead of the time to you are welcome to do so, the rooms are more than big enough.



Dining hall where meals can be booked.



NEWCOMER QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete the following questionnaire in order for us to adjust the room placings and find the best suitable roommates. The questionnaire must be filled in to the best of your ability as it will also serve as record of your most recent personal information which only the HK will have access to.

Use the link (image) to open the questionnaire in your browser in order to access it.



CONNECT PARTNERS



SONOP

DAGBREEK



GESTIG
1921

DAGBREEK



CAPRI

Vensters is one of the biggest events on the University's calendar. For the year 2026, we have the incredible privilege of partnering up with Sonop and Capri (Dagprison). At Dagbreek, we work hard to perform to the very best of our abilities in everything we do. We, however, also manage to have a great time, whilst maintaining that competitive spirit.

We look forward to yet another amazing Vensters!

We kindly ask that you bring along the following clothing items that will be used for your performance if you have. **Please don't go and buy these items explicitly!** (We will make due regardless).

1. Black/White T-shirt
3. Red, blue or yellow T-shirt
5. White or black pants



Dagrenisa 2025 (Dagbreek, Irene & Isa)

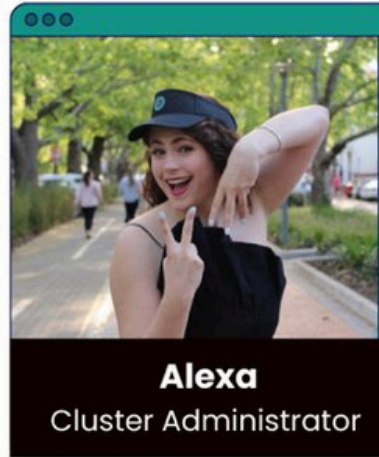
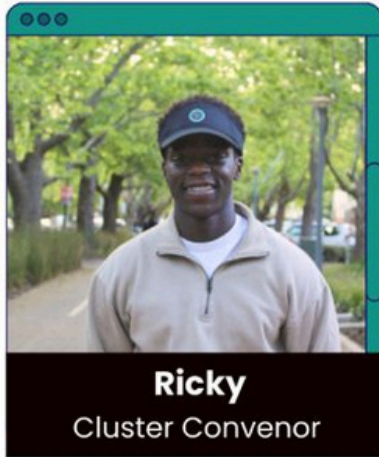


ARK Outreach

Dagbreek will be continuing with a community project on the 6th of February 2026, where we serve underprivileged schools by spending time with the children and engaging in fun games and sports. We have been informed that they experience a shortage of stationary items and school shoes every year as not all the parents are able to afford it. We, as a residence, thus urge all newcomers to bring any of the following items to Dagbreek if possible:

- Colour/Normal Pencils
- Erasers
- Pritt or any glue
- Sharpeners
- School shoes





Nabbihun
Cluster Convenor

Ricky
Cluster Convenor

Alexa
Cluster Administrator

Rachel
Social Media Manager

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

6 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

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