

Dear Parents...

Congratulations on your daughter being accepted into the University of Pretoria and House Mags!

All residences follow a University-approved Welcome Week programme at the beginning of the year. Your daughter can move into the residence on Saturday, 25 January 2025, followed by our Welcome Week programme from 26 January to 2 February 2025. During this week your daughter will be very busy getting acquainted with her new environment. You can rest assured that our Welcome Week programme is NOT an initiation, but a necessary programme to orientate your daughter to university and residence life. Due to high-stress factors typical of adapting to a new environment (such as an overload of information), your daughter may feel very tired towards the end of the Welcome Week. You can help her through this time by being positive and reassuring her that it takes time to adapt to a new environment. Please do not put her under unnecessary pressure to expect regular contact with you during Welcome Week. She will have some free time during which she will be able to contact you. Lastly, we will ensure that your daughter eats three nutritious meals per day during Welcome Week. If students are busy on campus during lunch time, we take their meals to campus.

If a problem does occur, especially during Welcome Week, please inform us so that we can resolve the matter ASAP. In addition, we have access to medical, psychological and academic support and assistance. If you ever feel that your daughter needs extra care or support during a difficult time, please contact Imi Qwelane (First Year Guardian) or the House Parents (André & Yolanda Jordaan). We will treat your calls as confidential whilst keeping an extra eye out for your daughter. If your daughter needs additional personal belongings or medicine during Welcome Week, please call Imi Q to make the necessary arrangements for delivery. In general, should your daughter experience a problem, she should go to her First Year Guardian, any of the House committee members and/or the House Parents for help.

Herewith some valuable information to assist you when **moving into House Mags on Saturday, 25 January 2025:**

- **PACKING:** Please consult the checklist at the end of the spikkel book to ensure that your daughter has all the necessary items packed. (Download the spikkel book from our web)
- **ARRIVAL:** Please report to the recreation hall when you arrive at House Mags. Here, you will receive your daughter's room keys and clothing, get the opportunity to hand in all the items she had to bring along, and pay for outstanding clothing and other items.
- **MOVING IN:** You can move your daughter's belongings into House Mags from **09:00 on Saturday, 25 January 2025 to 14:30 on Sunday, 26 January 2025**. House Mags has 11 floors and two lifts. Be prepared to wait your turn at the lift, or even carry your belongings up the stairs. It may be a good idea to bring family members along to help you move in. Allow yourself sufficient time **to get your daughter and all her belongings moved into House Mags**.
- **PARENTS MEETING:** Please attend the **parents-only meeting in the recreational hall at 13:00 on Saturday or 13:00 on Sunday**. During this meeting, we will share important information with you and answer any last questions.
- **SAYING YOUR GOODBYES:** After the parents meeting in the hall, please say your last goodbyes by latest 14:45 on Sunday, 26 January 2025, to allow your daughter to report to the hall at 15:00 – which marks the beginning of the official Welcome Week programme.

Your emergency contact number is that of Imi Qwelane (cell 079 614 5545; email: HouseMags.FirstYearGuardian@tuks.co.za), the First Year Guardian. You will get peace of mind once you realise how happy your daughter is in House Mags and that she has truly made it her home away from home. If you find the empty room in your house overwhelming, give yourself a pat on the back and think of your great achievement in raising a daughter who has been admitted into a top-class university and a fantastic residence!

Looking forward to meeting you and your daughter in 2025!

Pink Love

Imi Qwelane