

Opening of the new entrance, parkade and ring road

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I am pleased to inform you that the Engineering/Parkade project on the Hatfield Campus has reached the point where the new entrance in Unive service.

The entrance and parkade will be open as from Wednesday, 6 July 2011. Katanga Parking Services was appointed to manage the parkade.

The new entrance from University Road will serve as an entrance to the parkade as well as to the Campus. Access to the Campus will be managed through the other entrance gate. Staff will be able to gain vehicular access to the Campus by swiping their personnel cards.

At the same time, the existing entrance at Engineering 1 will be permanently closed to normal traffic. This entrance will however still be used by the facility and the extension to the Aula foyer continues. The use of the temporary gate to the south of the Administration Building in Lynnwood Road will be closed on 6 July 2011.

The portion of the Ring Road to the west of Engineering 3 (the new building) and Steers will remain closed for a further week in order to allow the section of the Ring Road is scheduled to be opened on 13 July 2011.

Although the Ring Road will then be open, normal traffic will have to share the section of the Ring Road from the old Engineering entrance to the construction vehicles, as indicated by green and red arrows on the attached illustration. This section of the Ring Road may be closed for short periods for deliveries to the construction site.

Staff members who have been allocated parking in the new parkade will be informed by the Client Services Centre and will be required to formalise their parking. A parking disc specifying the allocated parking bay will then be issued to the staff member. Staff parking will be accessible from the Ring Road through the new entrance ([see the attached illustration](#)). Access will be obtained by swiping a personnel card.

The same rules that apply to reserved staff parking on Campus will also apply to staff parking in the parkade. This implies that a staff member or visitor may only park from 06:00 to 17:00 on weekdays. Over some weekends or Friday evenings the parkade will be made available to Loftus Versfeld spectators. In such cases, allocated parking in the parkade will then no longer have automatic access to the parkade. Parking will then only be possible on a pay-on-foot cash basis through the University Road entrance. Staff members will be informed timeously of such special events.

Over weekends when there are no special events, staff members with allocated parking in the parkade will have normal access to the staff section of the parkade.

About two thirds of the parking bays in the parkade have been assigned for student parking, which will only be accessible from the new entrance. Available parking bays will be displayed on electronic information boards in University Road.

Access control for students will be on a prepaid credit or a pay-on-foot cash basis as at other parkades. Cash payments can be made in cash or at an automatic payment station.

The prepaid credit system will function as follows: A student will have to open an account at the Katanga Parking Management control room in the new entrance and deposit money against the account. This can be done at the Parking Management control room or at an automatic payment station and will enable the student to enter the parkade by swiping his/her activated student card at the parkade entrance. To exit the parkade, a student will swipe his/her activated student card at the exit. The money available on the student's parking account by the applicable amount and the balance will be displayed on the screen.

The use of TuksMobi as a cashless means of payment is currently under investigation.

The following rates will apply to casual (student) parking on weekdays from 06:00 to 18:00:

- 0-2 hours R5,00
- 2-4 hours R8,00
- 4-6 hours R10,00
- 6+ hours R20,00

A flat rate of R8,00 will apply from 18:00 to 06:00 on weekdays and over weekends. This will not apply when the parkade is used for spectator events at Loftus Versfeld a flat rate of R50,00 will apply. The penalty for cars left in the parkade for more than 24 hours will be R250,00. The per

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Kind regards

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