

## SANLAM WOW SPELLING FESTIVAL – SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 2025

# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW...

### PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Time	Activity
09:15	Participants move to their respective venues for the welcoming.
09:30	Participants should be seated, and the welcoming commences.
10:15	The Spelling Festival officially commences.
15:00	Prizegiving Ceremony

➔ Please also see the complete programme that was sent to you.

1. **Preparation:** Unknown words that do not appear on the learners' spelling list may also be asked at this level of participation. (Please see the format and rules on page 17 of the WOW spelling rules. The document is available online: <https://wow.woordfees.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Sanlam-WOW-Spelling-Festival-Rules-and-Format.pdf>)
2. Learners participate in their school uniforms.
3. **Arrival and registration** take place from 08:30 to 09:15 in front of the Stellenbosch University Conservatorium in Victoria Street, Stellenbosch.
4. The **attendance register** of participants will be done electronically with a QR code. The QR codes will appear on printed programmes and will also be posted at strategic points.
5. There will be tables for all the languages. Please see the directions to see where you need to report. Afrikaans: Green balloons. English: Maroon balloons. IsiXhosa: Blue balloons.
6. After the learners have completed their electronic registration via the QR codes, they will receive a light breakfast pack. The breakfast packs will only be given to learners once their names are confirmed on the score sheets.
7. Officials will receive their breakfast packs in the different venues.
8. Participants should be moving to the venues for the welcoming, as indicated on the programme, from 09:15. Everyone must be seated in the respective venues by 09:30 for the short welcoming and introduction. The welcoming will start promptly at 09:30.
9. After the welcoming, the various grade groups will move to the designated venues under the guidance of a WOW official.

10. At the venues, participants are allocated seats according to the numbers indicated on the scoresheets.
11. The manager of the Spelling Festival will welcome everyone and explain the basic rules.
12. The Spelling Festival will start thereafter and all movements in and out of the venues will be strictly controlled.
13. Each venue has a competent panel that manages the process.
14. The decision of the judges is final.
15. It is recommended that learners who spell incorrectly and cannot participate further because of that, should be allowed to leave the venue after a certain time. This process is at the discretion of the manager of the Spelling Festival and should be done with as little disruption as possible.
16. A certificate of participation will be handed out to all the participants.
17. A light snack will be available at the various venues and will be distributed to participants. The assistant in each venue is responsible for indicating the number of learners and WOW officials and will be managing the food on behalf of the group. These assistants will also provide general assistance in the venue and provide guidance where necessary.
18. Snacks, meals and something to drink is on sale in the Neelsie Student Centre.
19. All participants, teachers and parents are invited and encouraged to attend the Prizegiving Ceremony in the Jan Mouton Building (room 3010). The event will start at 15:00. Please be seated by then. The Jan Mouton Building is situated between Bosman Street and the Neelsie Student Centre.
20. Prize winners will be seated in designated areas in the Jan Mouton Building (room 3010) to ensure a smooth process.
21. Each prize winner receives a cash prize. To claim this money, **the ID and cell number of an adult** accompanying the participant is required. You will also be responsible for completing a document for this process. You will receive the document at the ceremony.
22. The most important thing is that everyone will enjoy the Sanlam WOW Spelling Festival and have fun with words.

**Thank you very much for your participation and support.**