The Nest at Alberton Primary School is a vibrant learning community where children, families and educators work together to provide the best foundation for each child’s individual development and growth.

We have created an environment which is warm and inviting to children and their families, a community where cultural diversity is celebrated and genuine, reciprocal relationships are valued. We respect our families as the first teachers of their children and work together to build trusting relationships which encourage family participation.

Our learning environment promotes creativity, discovery and risk-taking through play. We believe that children learn best through play which intrinsically engages them in hands-on, real life, active experiences. We provide beautiful, dynamic materials which are irresistible and fun invitations to learn, through both solitary and social play.

We see children as competent and capable learners who come to us with a wealth of knowledge and ideas about the world. We are inspired by the research in the schools of Reggio Emilia, Italy. We work together with children through long term projects to discover ideas, develop theories and provide opportunities for learning and research alongside the children. We also gain inspiration from the Nature Play theories, and The Nunga Way. We believe that children’s learning occurs as much in the outdoor environment as the indoors- not only do children learn about nature, they also learn in nature.

The curriculum emerges through interest and experiences, and social interaction between peers and adults. Educators reflect on the interests and development of the children and use this understanding to plan their programs, facilitating rather than directing the learning process. Children are empowered to have genuine voice and choice in both their learning and the learning environment.

We believe that the curriculum must celebrate today as well as being visionary about tomorrow. We promote a language that speaks to the children through the 21st Century Approach, acknowledging our rapidly changing society and empowering our learners with the skills they will need for the future.

The Nest aims to develop creative, confident learners who have a strong sense of self. Children are encouraged to think independently, to embrace new challenges, to work collaboratively, to build new friendships and to celebrate their successes.

Alberton Nest – A Small Place Where Big Things Happen