



P R O S P E C T U S
**LAERSKOO
NELSPRUIT**



Who is Laerskool Nelspruit

In our 110th year of existence, under the theme "Hope and Serve," we remain committed to purposefully preparing every learner for an ever-changing future. We realize, however, that this vision does not realize itself—it requires deliberate action, sustained dedication, and a culture of service.

Hope – The mindset that tomorrow can be better than today.

Service – To stand up, go out, and make the future better.

Our dream is to prepare our children in the best possible way to thrive in a constantly changing and challenging world.



Jaco Hauptfleisch
Principal

As an established school in the heart of the Lowveld, Laerskool Nelspruit is not only rooted in tradition – we are also the school of the future! We embrace technology, innovation, and modern teaching methods to prepare our learners for the world of tomorrow, under the banner of excellence.

A school is only as strong as its community, and a community is only as strong as its school – give your child the opportunity to grow alongside peers who help transform everyday moments into lifelong memories.

Vision

At Laerskool Nelspruit we are committed to creating a safe environment where children feel protected and where they can develop in a balanced way with the support of staff that are specialists in their field, in partnership with our engaged parent community.

**How do I
choose the
right school?**

On 11 April 1916,
LS Nelspruit
opened with 20
learners and Mr.
A.F. van Zyl as
principal.
1916

The first school
building was a
borrowed
corrugated iron
room and
housed all
learners up to
standard VI.

Nelspruit is
classified as a
town.
1922

Mr. D.J.J.
Bisschoff was
appointed as
the first
permanent
principal on 18
April 1922.

On 22 August,
the school
established its
first transport
system.
1923

A mule cart was
responsible for
transporting 11
children from
Bosbokrand.

The first school
concert is held.
1924

Mission & Lifestyle

Mission

Our Mission is to:

- develop happy, secure and cherished children, offering them boundless opportunities for holistic growth across various academic, cultural and sports spheres.
- focus on letting our children experience their childhood to the fullest, and to encourage healthy competition and academic excellence through diverse leadership, supported by the science of pedagogy.
- further support, develop and empower current staff, as well as appoint staff that are experts in their field of teaching.
- provide, maintain and expand top-quality facilities, ensuring a dynamic environment that inspires excellence.
- equip Nellie learners with resilience and adaptability, empowering them to navigate the ever-evolving challenges of our world in an exceptional way.
- establish strong communication channels with parents, thus ensuring loyalty to the school, trust in our staff and the fostering of a culture of positivity.

**Ethos,
attitude, and
values.**

Lifestyle

- The main purpose of Laerskool Nelspruit is quality teaching and education.
- Foster positive behaviour through mutual respect demonstrated by all stakeholders.
- Empower each child to discover their unique talents and to provide them with the opportunity to excel in academic, sports, cultural and social spheres.
- Provide a safe and nurturing environment where children can unlock their full potential through engaging in valuable learning experiences and play.
- Offer opportunities where every child in Laerskool Nelspruit can live out and develop their unique creative purpose.
- Promote a lifestyle that prioritizes health, nurtures lasting friendships, and fosters teamwork among our students.
- Celebrate diversity and embrace the fact that it's our differences that make us unique and special.

The school decided to purchase their first piano for R240, the Fritz Kuhla piano is still used by the school to this day.

1925

The school begins raising funds for library books.

1928

A public library was opened at Laerskool Nelspruit. The monthly fee was 20 cents per person. Teachers were sent on a special training course.

1932

The school obtained permission to educate learners up to Standard VIII. The school consisted of 180 learners. A hydroelectric dam brought electricity to the town.

1933

Academics – Foundation Phase



Academic offering should be your primary consideration.

The Foundation Phase offers a comprehensive and stimulating learning environment. Each grade group has five Afrikaans and one English class, offering the smallest classes in Nelspruit. We have two remedial education (RO) centres and four RO teachers, ensuring additional individual attention during contact time.

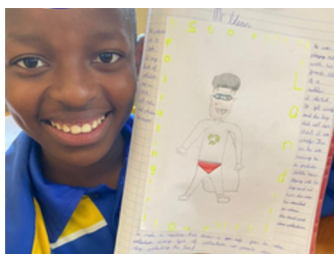
The academic program follows a **"Hands-on, Play to Learn"** approach, which promotes interactive learning. This approach encourages learners to engage through activities and games, making academic content more interesting and easier to understand. In addition to this, our program includes **grade-specific excursions and outings** that enhance the learner's knowledge of the world as well as practical application of learning.

Class music is taught by a BMus-qualified teacher, and a media centre fosters a healthy culture of reading.

We stimulate thinking skills through computer lessons and teaching basic coding – an exciting skill that helps learners think logically and creatively. At the same time, we strengthen their bodies with outdoor activities during Physical Education (PE) and the specialist program, Kwanda Kinetics, which focuses on motor skills development.

Learners' development is monitored and supported through:

- Quarterly parent evenings
- Information sessions
- Bridging courses from Gr R to Gr 1 and Gr 3 to Gr 4
- School support team



School times:

Grade 1 – 2

Monday – Thursday
07:30 to 13:00

Grade 3

Monday – Thursday
07:30 to 13:15

Grade 1 – 3

Friday
07:30 to 12:45

Grade 4 – 7

Monday – Thursday
07:30 to 13:30
Friday
07:30 to 13:00



Academics – Intermediate Phase

Our school is proud of our **high academic standards**. Our academic program is aimed at enabling every learner to perform at his or her best. **Subject specialist teachers** and regular contact sessions with High Schools ensure optimal teaching, and learners are prepared to thrive in the next phase of their academic journey.



At our school, we have a strong focus on innovation and the integration of modern technology. We offer subjects such as **robotics, computer applications technology, and additional creative arts classes**.



Our academic initiatives include participation in **Olympiads, the "Drop All and Read" initiative, language & character days, as well as a Mathematics and Science Week**, which fosters a love of learning and discovery among our learners.

The school offers **remediation and intervention classes** as part of our school-based support program. Where necessary, **exam accommodations** are provided. Outside the classroom, we also have **excursions and academic tours**, such as the Top 10 academic tour for Grades 5 to 7, which help learners broaden their academic horizons.



We believe that parents play an important role in the education process, and therefore we offer **regular parent evenings and parent information sessions** to foster strong collaboration between the school and families. For Grade 4 learners, there is a study skills course designed to teach effective **study methods** and promote good study habits.



Not only is Nellies the only school in Mbombela using the **Wolkskool learning platform**, we also use our internal Nellieswolk for Grades 4 to 7 Mathematics.



At Nellies, we take part in **national assessments** like Conquesta to measure our academic progress against national standards to ensure continued excellence.

Culture

At Laerskool Nelspruit, culture is a proud and dynamic part of our school life. Our **Culture Centre** is the heartbeat of creativity, where learners have the opportunity to develop and express their talents.

*Top Cultural School
in Mpumalanga!*

Both the Junior and Senior Choirs participate annually in various provincial and even national competitions.

Learners who have a talent and passion for art have the option to take part in extracurricular art classes.

Our junior girls' Pom-Poms team brings rhythm, teamwork, and a vibrant energy to life, while our talented orators confidently make their voices heard - both solo and in groups - at events like the Eisteddfod, Oppi Tong Af and Radikaal Redenaars.

The annual Culture Week offers entertainment for the whole family: from the Staff Concert to art exhibitions. Every five years, we stage a colorful and energetic Revue. Here, every child's creative potential is recognized and encouraged.



1934 The school's first boarding house opened with 11 children.

1939 The Second World War breaks out.

1941 After a quarter of a century, the learner population stands at 386.

1942 The school moves to the current site.

1948 Learner numbers soar to 713. The newly built boarding house is opened with space for 180 learners. (Now the Nellie Miere.)

1952 Two new schools open: a high school with 335 learners and a primary school with 599 learners. The Van Riebeeck stagecoach visits the school. A red sandalwood tree is planted "in front" of the school.

1959 Learner numbers exceed the 1,000 mark.

1961 Swimming pool is commissioned.

1963 Opening of the new school hall by Mr. A. J. Koen. The hall is named after Mr. Fölscher.

Sport

Sport plays an important role in the shaping well-rounded and balanced learner. By offering a **wide range of sporting opportunities** and focusing on skill development, we maintain the **most league playing teams** across all sport codes.

Under the guidance of skilled and enthusiastic coaches, every child gets the chance to give their best in an environment of healthy competition across a broad spectrum of activities.

Our sports programs are structured to identify and develop talent, while fostering a love for participation, pride in effort and a spirit of togetherness.

We boast excellent sports facilities, including a modern **Astro** and our own **swimming pool**, ensuring learners can train and perform under optimal conditions.

Learners are given the opportunity to partake in non-official school sports.

Regular **sports tours** provide teams with valuable exposure, team building, and unforgettable experiences that further ignite their love for sport.



Mini Sport (Gr. 1 - 2)	T1	T2	T3	T4
Athletics	x			x
Netball		x		
Rugby		x		
Hockey			x	
Cricket			x	
Sport (Gr. 3 - 7)	T1	T2	T3	T4
Athletics	x			x
Golf				x
Hockey			x	
Cricket			x	
Cross Country		x	x	
Netball		x		
Rugby		x		
Chess	x	x	x	
Swimming	x			x
Tennis	x		x	

*Development and trials may possibly take place in the previous term as part of the preseason.



Participation in Sports & Culture



1966

The school remained parallel medium until 7 January when the English-speaking school opened its doors. Before that, the learner numbers at one stage reached 1,395, making Laerskool Nelspruit the largest school in the country. The school celebrated its 50th anniversary.

1967

Learner numbers reach 1,224 again.

1970

A second primary school is founded from Laerskool Nelspruit.

1974

The school song was written in 1974 by the well-known writer Chris Barnard. A dolphin show was held in the school's swimming pool. For this very special occasion, 10 tons of refined salt had to be added to create a "sea water" effect.

1977

The old administrative offices are converted into classrooms.

Facilities



At Laerskool Nelspruit, we believe that children should discover the world with bare feet and big smiles. Our playgrounds offer spacious, safe areas where learners can run freely and play joyfully. Well-designed jungle gyms contribute to gross motor development while making playtime both fun and valuable.

In the classroom, we boast modern facilities designed to enrich learning and create opportunities for every learner to grow. Our media centre and technology-supported classrooms — equipped with TV screens and visualisers — make visual, interactive learning a reality. Solar panels ensure sustainable academic contact time.

Our culture centre provides space for creative and spiritual development, while two rugby fields, five netball courts, three tennis courts, and a brand-new Hockey Astro enable high-level sports participation.

Our own fleet of school buses ensures learners arrive safely and punctually at their activities and tours. This also helps keep transport costs for tours affordable.

**Quality of
Facilities &
Amenities**



Our School Family in Action

At Laerskool Nelspruit, we believe that education is a team effort – and our **Parent Associations** play an important role in the heartbeat of our school. Through their enthusiasm, generosity, and creativity, our parents help not only with fundraising and projects but also create special opportunities where families can **build** memories together.



Our **Dads in Action** group is a dynamic team of fathers who love to lend a hand – whether it's organizing a sports day, lighting the fire for a family braai, or hosting a camp. This involvement contributes to a positive, supportive environment where children thrive and parents feel part of something bigger. We encourage every parent to get involved – whether in a big or small way – because when we stand together, our children grow stronger!

Parent and community involvement



At any school, fundraising is a necessity – but at Nellies, it's part of the excitement! Activities like Go-cart Day, cake sales, and other creative projects give our learners the chance to show their entrepreneurial spirit, while simultaneously raising valuable funds for the school. These events bring parents, learners, and staff together in a fun, collaborative spirit – and every rand raised makes a difference.



A third primary school is established in Nelspruit.

1982

Reports are printed by computers for the first time.

1990

A lapa is erected next to the swimming pool.

1994

The new Tennis & Netball Lapa is built.

2000

Floodlights are installed at the rugby field.

2003

The Sports centre is built.

2004

The Nellies hold their first golf day.

2005

The Campus café & support Services centre is built.

2010

The Netball clubhouse is built.

2013

2016 Laerskool Nelspruit celebrates its 100th anniversary.

2020 Fiber internet is installed at the school.

2022 Mnr. D.J. Hauptfleisch is appointed as principal.

The school boasts a beautiful campus nestled among the granite hills, right next to the Nel spruit on 14 hectares of land. Our staff consists of just over 100 teaching personnel and 18 general assistants. With a Grade R to 7 learner population of 1,200, the school also has its own preschool, Nellie Miere.

2023 Rugby makes history: All 4 teams are MPU league winners.

2025 The Hockey Astro is opened.

2026 **What does the future hold?**

Motor skills track & outdoor classroom

The school for the future!

Additional Services

Aftercare

Why go home just yet? Aftercare is where the fun and friends are!

Running from directly after school until 17:15, the Nellies aftercare offers a safe environment where we can do our homework and then have lots of fun playing!

As we recognise the juniors (Grades 1 – 3) and seniors (Grades 4 – 7) have different needs in terms of homework assistance and extracurricular activities, they are accommodated in separate age-appropriate play areas.

Their growing bodies are provided with a delicious lunch and a late afternoon snack. We keep their minds active with qualified teachers and school assistants who help learners with their homework and schoolwork.

Learners can also exercise their sports and cultural muscles and easily attend any training sessions held on the premises.

We are open during holidays (07:00 – 17:15) and close when the school closes for the December holidays. This gives working parents peace of mind knowing that provision is also made for their children during the holidays.

Nellie Miere

The Grade RR, and Grade R learners are accommodated in the Nellie Miere building and operate independently from the rest of the school.

Support Services

Laerskool Nelspruit's support services align with the role of the School Based Support Team (SBST).

The purpose of the learner support team is to assist learners with academic, emotional, and behavioral challenges.

The support team uses a comprehensive evaluation to determine where the learner needs support, after which referrals can be made.

Evaluations and therapy are offered at our school during school hours.

School Uniform

Summer

Boys

Nellie shirt
Nellie short
White takkies with laces
Nellie ankle socks
Nellie Dri-mac

Gr. 7 shirt

Winter

Boys

Nellie shirt
Nellie short
White takkies with laces
Nellie ankle socks
Nellie Tracksuit

Gr. 7 shirt

Girls

Nellie shirt
Nellie skort
White takkies with laces
Nellie ankle socks
Nellie Dri-mac

Gr 7. shirt

Girls

Nellie shirt
Nellie skort
White takkies with laces
Nellie ankle socks
Nellie Tracksuit

Gr. 7 shirt



The school also has
a second-hand
uniform shop on
campus.

A list of official school uniform suppliers are available at reception.
Remember, all clothing items must be clearly marked.
See the homework diary or website for detailed appearance rules.

Nellie Values

Laerskool Nelspruit is a values-driven school. Our disciplinary system is based on mutual respect. When a learner lives out one of our values, they are rewarded, but when they go against one of the values, they receive demerit points.

Each month we send out values-focused activities that help parents and children explore that month's value together.

We love celebrating learners' positive behaviour with initiatives such as Nellie of the Month, True Nellie badges, and termly reward days.

Pride

Honesty

Perseverance

Patience

Good Manners

Self-control

Obedience

Gratitude

Caring

Responsibility

Respect

Humility

How do I become a Nellie?

Every day is open day! Feel free to visit us and experience the heartbeat of our school. Come take a look at our facilities and hear the laughter of our learners!

Learners who wish to enrol at Laerskool Nelspruit must meet the minimum age requirement as prescribed by the MDE.

Only parents or legal guardians with whom the learner resides may apply. This person assumes full responsibility for the learner.

Application forms will be available after our open day at the school office or on our website. The application form and supporting documents must be handed in at the school office in person.

Details regarding additional requirements and important documentation to accompany the application are also available on the school's website.

School fees consist of 10 equal instalments – payable from January to October. The first instalment is payable when the learner is accepted at the school. Thereafter, instalments must be paid in advance on the 1st of each month.

If you wish to apply for a subsidy on school fees, you must collect the application form in person at the school office. The closing date for such applications is strictly 1 March each year. NB! No discount is applicable at Nellie Miere (preschool) or aftercare.



School Information

Office hours:

Mondays - Thursdays 07:00 - 15:00

Fridays 07:00 - 13:00



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