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# **Four Pillars**

#### **iConnect**

At the heart of living, is our desire to be connected. In a relationship-based school, children are bigger than the challenge. Every child in our school is unique. And although they learn to operate as a group, class or sporting house - their individuality remains a priority.

Relationships make us feel safe. Every structure in the school is designed to make students feel part of the family. Children need to be in relationship with their teachers and peers.

#### **iCare**

The limbic brain manages our emotions. Data has to pass through the emotional brain to access the prefrontal cortex. If the emotional brain doesn't feel a sense of belonging, learning can't take place.

A full-time Counsellor is available to assist students in processing trauma and events. We are great believers in the power of talking.

### iLearn

Once a student feels safe and worthy, the learning must be meaningful and relevant. Gone are the days of teach, test and hope for the best. The 21<sup>st</sup> century requires critical thinking, problem solving, staying cool under pressure, collaborating with others, and facilitating change.

Sun Valley Primary is world-renowned for its innovation approach to teaching and learning. We make use of modern technology and innovative curriculum design to deliver education that's relevant for today, and tomorrow.

## **iPlay**

Sport and play is an important part of day-to-day life at our school. We offer a vast range of sporting activities.

Our students take part in at least one Summer and one Winter Sport. Each and every day our learners venture out to the fields to complete the 1 km Walk-It-Circuit. This is a specially designed circuit to enhance fitness, build muscle and co-ordination and cross the mid-line to assist learning. In class, learners take part in a number of Movement activities. They perform Movement songs which are specifically designed to cross the Horizontal and Vertical Midlines. This "wakes up" the brain and aids learning in various subjects such as Literacy or Mathematics.