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About Us

Nest Architects is an architectural design practice based in Melbourne, Australia. The studio is committed to creating, architecture, interiors, furniture and design projects that start from 'first principles' and ends at a place where both the client and architect can be proud.

Nest Architects does not have a discernible style because we don't tend to favour the finished product of our work over the process of arriving at that object. Instead, we see the finished object, whether that is a cushion, a chair, a house or a café, as the end result of a rigorous and fun process of analysis and 'gathering.'

For Nest, this process of arriving at a design is a journey that we embark on with our clients. In a collaborative spirit we try and identify as many elements as possible that will feed into the design. These elements often include the weather, orientation, history and sustainability, but just as important are the stories and memories we ask our clients to use to express their goals and aspirations. We see all these different influences and elements as opportunities that we combine to help us create meaningful objects and spaces. This process is similar to the way a bird forages and collects useful objects in order to construct a stable and safe nest that also fits beautifully into its environment.

Having said that, there are a few common themes appearing throughout the projects we work on. In particular, Nest strives for a home, workplace, bar, cafe, restaurant, or even a simple greenhouse, that has the feeling of being both connected to the outside world and also cocooned from it. The use of natural materials such as timber helps create warm and comfortable buildings and interiors that celebrate and re-connect us with the natural world. We try and design all our projects so that they immediately have a feeling of being a part of their urban or rural settings, a feeling of 'always having been there.'

Our love of design that is process driven, that starts from first principles, stems directly from our backgrounds. Prior to establishing the design studio, Emilio completed an Arts Degree with Honours in Philosophy. His thesis focused on Environmental Ethics and tried to answer the question of what beliefs should guide our decisions relating to how we treat the natural world. After undertaking part of his degree at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, he took the knowledge he gained from his Philosophy degree into the Architecture Faculty at the University of Melbourne.

Imogen Pullar came to Nest shortly after it's inception as an honours graduate also from the Architecture Faculty at Melbourne University. Part of her degree was undertaken in Denmark at the Royal Danish school of Fine Arts focusing on interior Architecture and furniture design. Imogen received a Dean Honours award as one of the top graduates from the Architecture Faculty. She also won first prize in a RAIA student ideas competition in 2006.

Both Imogen and Emilio are interested in user shaped spaces - using the everyday challenges of ecology, budget, time, goals and aspirations to design stimulating and creative human environments.