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"..She knows her stuff. More than her experience, Lis is a wonderful personality that attracts students into wanting to do better in math. Her passion for math (along with passion for life) is consistently evident. Students do not have the ability to hide away and not be noticed, or pushed to improve. Her environment is rigorous with high expectations, yet every student knows with confidence that she will support and assist them individually and patiently when necessary."

**Greg Schellenberg - High School Principal,
Shanghai Community International School**



Educational Profile

This year marks my 27th year of teaching at the Secondary level. I teach because I enjoy helping my students see the beauty and magic that I see in Mathematics. I believe that the strong relationship between a student and teacher creates the best possible opportunity for student success. I enjoy teaching as part of a strong team using inquiry and e-learning as part of a student-centered approach.

An enthusiastic lifelong learner, my skills include:

E-learning
Curriculum Development
Inquiry based learning
Pastoral care (Restorative Practice)

Professional Qualifications

- New Zealand trained and registered teacher
- Hong Kong registered teacher
- International Baccalaureate DP level 2 and 3, MYP level 2 and 3 Certified
- IB Mathematics Examiner and Moderator HL AA and HL AI
- NZ NCEA examiner and internal assessment writer
- NZ NCEA National Moderator

Education

- Master of Education (E-learning) at Waikato University 2021
- Post graduate Diploma in Teaching at Auckland College of Education 1995
- Bachelor of Science at University of Auckland (1994)
- Graduated from Epsom Girls' Grammar School , Auckland, New Zealand (1991)

"Lis's approach to classroom teaching and student instruction is as current and educationally sound as I've ever seen. She is a master at differentiation, and has a knack of meeting students where they are. Lis consistently finds creative ways to reach her students so that learning can occur, and her passion for education is apparent in everything she does"

Daniel Kerr - Current Middle School Principal, Shanghai Community International School



"Ms. Wilson is easily one of the best teachers I've had during my high school career. Her spirited attitude towards maths (notice how I put the "s"), kept me motivated despite the difficulties encountered. More importantly, her lessons are clear, I am able to ask questions, and she is very much dedicated to her students. Hard to believe but she actually makes maths kind of fun!"

Ariane Chan, IB 2012, SCIS

"I hated math and I still do. It is just so boring and I am so bad at it. When I was in Lis Wilson's math class, somehow I did not feel boring and somehow I aced IB math exams....What have you done to me Wilson?!"

Yu Tae Jong, IB 2012, SCIS

Teaching and Pedagogical Experience

- IBMYP, IBDP MATHEMATICS, DEAN OF STUDENTS- Western Academy of Beijing (2019-present)
- MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS TEACHER AND ONLINE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT – Te Ao o Te Kura o Ponamu (Correspondence school) (2017-2019)
- HEAD OF STATISTICS- Hamilton Boys' High School New Zealand 2016-17
- IB MATHEMATICS TEACHER, DEAN OF YEAR 11,12,13 - Discovery College, Hong Kong (2012-2015)
- IB MATHEMATICS TEACHER –Shanghai Community International School, China (2010-2012)
- MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS TEACHER, DEAN, HEAD OF HOUSE – Hamilton Girls' High School, New Zealand (2008-2010)
- MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS TEACHER, - Cambridge High School, New Zealand (2007)
- HEAD OF MATHEMATICS AND IB TEACHER – Bavarian International School, Germany (2006)
- MATHEMATICS CHAIR AND SCIENCE TEACHER- Visiting International Faculty program, North Carolina, USA (2004-2006)
- HEAD OF MATHEMATICS – Inglewood High School, New Zealand (2001-2004)
- MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS TEACHER – New Plymouth Boys' High School, New Zealand (2000-2001)
- MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS TEACHER – Westlake Girls' High School, New Zealand (1996-1999)

Leadership experience

- Dean of students/ Head of Student Well-being 2019-2022
- Year 9 Dean 2008, Year 11,12 Dean 2012/4
- Head of House 2009
- Head of Department 2002-4
- New Zealand Association of Mathematics Teachers (NZAMT) Board 2008-10
- NZAMT Treasurer 2009-10
- NZAMT National Assessment Writing Panel
- NZ National Curriculum Realignment Panel.
- NZAMT conference speaker 2003 "Practical numeracy in the classroom"
- Senior Numeracy Project trial leader 2002-4
- Senior Numeracy project school leader 2009-10
- New Zealand Qualifications Authority national moderator (2007), National Examiner (2001-3, 2007-9)
- Taranaki Maths Association committee and Compere for quiz night (2003,4)
- Waikato Maths Association committee and Quiz Compere



"Lis is truly a Renaissance woman. Her interests are diverse and her skills extraordinary. She has helped build theatre sets with my IB students and has taken charge of the backstage facilitation during performances. She is reliable, handy with a circular saw, and a wonderful asset to both the classroom and Performing Arts Department."

Kelly M. Webber, Head of Performing Arts, Shanghai Community International School



Lis is easily one of the best maths teachers I've ever had. Her lectures are clear and organised. She always makes the concepts presented seem simple, as a good teacher should. At the same time, she goes beyond the call of duty to give individual attention when it's needed - something very important that too few maths teachers, especially at higher levels, are willing to do. Finally, she has a great sense of humour and personality, and that makes class - if not the maths! - fun. I've had many other maths teachers (including ones with doctorates in maths). Most had some of these traits. Lis has them all, and that's what separates her.

Leila Clark, UWC of the Atlantic 2013 (SCIS 2011-12)

Co- Curricular Experience

Sport

- Rowing manager and coach, Hamilton Girls' (NZ)
- Sailing manager and coach (NZ, China)
- Rugby Coach (NZ)
- Volleyball Coach (USA)
- Windsurfing trainer (NZ)
- Basketball team manager
- Soccer Coach (Germany)

Arts:

- Musical producer (NZ, China)
- Theatre Backstage manager (NZ, USA, China, HK)
- Theatre set building (NZ, China, USA)
- Theatre Lighting design (NZ, USA- certified North Carolina)
- Touring manager for Choir, Jazz band (NZ)
- Member Opus NZ (award winning choir)
- Trained Soprano voice
- University Singers (NZ)
- Waikato Buxtehude consort
- Anglican Cathedral Chorister at Auckland, New Plymouth and Waikato
- HK Bach Choir
- International Festival Chorus, Shanghai
- Percussionist, NP Brass Band
- Viola Player
- Musical theatre cast (Les Miserable, Cats)

Service:

- Womens' Refuge fundraiser (NZ)
- VIF new staff advisor (USA)
- Vocalist New Plymouth Annual Christmas Concert
- Vocalist for Christchurch Earthquake fundraiser (China)
- Vocalist for Roots and Shoots concert (China)
- Vocalist for the Broken Clocks Shanghai
- Upper School Student Council Advisor (China)
- Volunteer, Taranaki Outdoor Pursuits Centre (NZ)
- Volunteer, Spirit of Adventure sailing (NZ)
- Teacher in Charge of grade 10 trip to Inner Mongolia
- Teacher in charge, outward bound, Nelson NZ