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## Meet your **counsellor**...

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Kia Ora!

My name is Jo Olson and I am originally from a rural area called White Rock near Christchurch on the South Island of New Zealand. My husband and I spent one year teaching English in South Korea in 2003 and following that, moved back home and worked in New Zealand until we moved to Dusseldorf in July 2016. We have three children that attend ISD and my husband, Clinton, is a Senior Academic Leader and the DP Coordinator. We love the outdoors, hiking, skiing, snowboarding, running, biking, camping, and travelling. We really enjoy being involved with sports and activities our children participate in - basketball, cross country, track and field and volleyball.

I am passionate about working with people and am thankful to have the opportunity to do that here. My qualification is a Bachelor of Social Work Degree with Honours and I am a registered Social Worker with the New Zealand Social Workers Registration Board. Over the last 18 years I have worked in various Social Work roles in between having our three children. I have worked as a Social Worker for the NZ government agency for child care and protection and youth justice, as a Social Worker with child foster families, as a Youth Drug and Alcohol Counsellor, and my most recent role for five years before moving here was in the NZ education system as a Social Worker in a Young Parents College. I like to work from a strengths-based perspective and am led by the motto of "helping people to help themselves."

I love being a part of the ISD community and look forward to continuing with my work to support ISD students and their families.