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## Speaker Bio:

My passion for International Education started when my parents gave me the most amazing opportunity to be a Rotary Exchange Student to Vienna, Austria in my last year of school. It was this firsthand experience that gave me valuable insights and a unique understanding of the challenges and adjustments that international students undergo when choosing to study offshore.

I have been involved in education in both New Zealand and the United Kingdom for the last 27 years. In the early stages of my career, I was a primary and intermediate school teacher, but for the last 12 years, my focus has shifted to International Education. I was the International Student Manager at Pillans Point Primary School for ten years before transitioning to Tauranga Boys' College, where I initially took on the role of Homestay Manager and now hold the position of Short-Term Groups Manager. Additionally, I am currently working with SIEBA on the Agent Registration Project, furthering my involvement in education beyond the school environment. Alongside my roles within schools, I have worked closely with SIEBA, NZQA, and the Ministry of Education, where I contributed to the development of the 2016 Code Guidelines and I have assisted numerous education providers in achieving Code signatory status.

Outside of work, I cherish time with my three children, supporting them in their activities. You'll also find me enjoying walks along the waterfront or the beautiful beach of Mount Maunganui, as well as spending time with family and friends.

