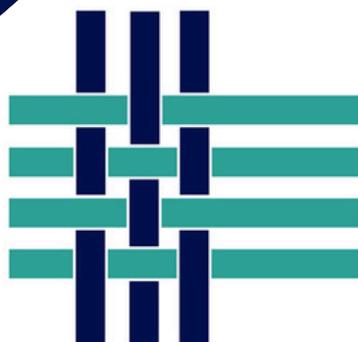


# Gill Austin



## Global Threads Local Ties

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### Speaker Bio:



**Director of International  
Students, Hillcrest High School**  
-Te Kura Tuarua o Tihipuke

Topic -  
Enrolment Processes and  
Academic Pathways

It all started in the 1990s when, as an ESL (yes that was what it was called back then) teacher and a dean, Gill started working with and for international students at Lynfield College. After teaching in Japan for a couple of years at the start of this century Gill returned to Lynfield as Director of International Education in 2004. There she led a large programme enrolling 150+ short and long term students each year from more than a dozen countries. After becoming a grandmother (surely enrolling the daughter of a past international student counts) it was time for a change.

In March 2020 she was lured to Hamilton to set up an international programme at a newly opened high school. Unfortunately a global pandemic intervened. After 'pivoting' for three years Gill is now International Director at Hillcrest High School. With a full school, limited international student places (50 FTE) for long term students only, her focus is on filling those places with the best students and supporting the students to have the best outcomes.