

Rosemary Gillies



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Speaker Bio:



Rosemary is an experienced educator who has held a variety of roles in secondary schools in New Zealand and in Hong Kong. After 14 years as an English teacher, she moved to Hong Kong to become a N.E.T teacher and so began her journey into the world of ESOL and English language learners. She became a published writer for Longmans HK writing secondary ESOL textbooks and when she moved back to NZ, she taught ESOL, taking on HOD roles in various schools. Her last school-based role was as an international director which she held for seven years before moving on to the Ministry of Education as the secondary verifier and advisor for secondary ESOL.

In her current role, she visits schools throughout the country to review their ESOL assessment practices and their ESOL provisions for English language learners which includes international students. She also provides PLD to schools to support ESOL teachers to deliver effective ESOL programmes for students with English as an additional language.

Recently she has been collaborating with SIEBA, ENZ and NZQA to offer PLD to international directors and to develop communications for schools around the NCEA Change Package and Level 1 Literacy and the impact this may have on the academic pathways for international students.

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Topic 1 -
NCEA Literacy & Numeracy Co-
Requisites

Topic 2 -
NCEA Literacy Co-Requisites,
Strategy Session