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Susan is a trained and registered primary school teacher, with 30 years teaching experience. She has worked as a one day school teacher for 17 years and currently works at the New Zealand Centre for Gifted Education. Susan teaches one MindPlus class each week, providing a specialised programme for gifted students. Her special interests in gifted education include philosophy for children, catering for twice exceptional learners and nurturing creative and critical thinking skills. Susan is the GATE teacher for both the Junior and Middle Schools at St Cuthbert's College.

Susan is the parent of two sons, one a highly gifted student. She knows first hand the importance of ongoing advocacy for gifted students, especially relating to correct class placement to meet their special needs.

She worked as a professional actor in a Theatre-in-Education company for several years, performing educational plays throughout New Zealand. Susan taught private Speech and drama lessons for over a decade, preparing students for Trinity College London exams. She currently works as a Front of House attendant at the Aotea Centre, Civic Theatre, Auckland Town Hall and Herald Theatre several evenings each week.

Susan enjoys reading and is a member of a book club. She regularly attends the gym and walks for fitness. Susan loves going to movies and live theatre and spending time with family and friends.