



Ellen Maree Hampson

Ellen is a Science/Geography trained teacher who has studied at both Canterbury and Victoria Universities. Ellen began her teaching career within the tertiary sector as a business lecturer at CPIT where she managed a Diploma Programme and the research outputs for the Faculty of Commerce. During that time, Ellen was seconded as a lecturer to Lincoln University and has been a Teaching Fellow for the Geography Department at UC. Prior to Ellen's appointment to StAC, Ellen taught Geography and Education for Sustainability at Cashmere High School for seven years. She also held the roles of GATE Coordinator and Assistant Principal's Nominee whilst at Cashmere High School.

Ellen's current management roles at StAC include GATE Coordinator, Transition HOD, TIC of the Senior College Options Programme, and TIC of the newly formed Sustainability Council. Ellen also assists Mrs Kate Grinter and Ms Kerry Larby with Geography Scholarship.

Ellen's academic studies have taken her to 'far off' places such as Antarctica. Her MSc thesis was based on sustainable development of tourism within the Antarctic environment. Ellen commenced a PhD investigating Antarctic ice utilization in 2006. Currently on hold, it is Ellen's aim to recommence doctoral studies in 2017 with an amended focus to climate change communication and education.

Ellen also works for NZQA as a contractor – mostly over the summer break.

Born into Roman Catholicism, Ellen was educated at Teschemakers College, Oamaru. She was an academic scholarship student and a boarder. She still believes the Teschemakers College Chapel to be the most beautiful chapel in New Zealand.

Ellen is committed to sport and has managed several successful sporting teams in the past, adventure racing teams in particular. Her junior adventure racing team won the nationals in 2012. Ellen has participated in a number of sports with martial arts being her dominant sport for over 30 years. She was fascinated with aviation as a young girl and flew solo at age 16. Ellen has been a caver and a member of the West Coast Search and Rescue.

Ellen's current sporting responsibilities at St Andrew's College include manager of U14B Rugby, TIC of Adventure Racing, Orienteering and Assistant TIC of Polo.

Ellen is committed to education and finds real joy in assisting students realise their 'life's calling' and goals.



Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chapel

Teschemakers College

The chapel arrived in nineteen numbered crates from Italy in 1913 and was assembled on the site. The chapel also has a statue of St Michael, an alabaster angel and a candelabrum and polished rimu choir stalls.