

School District 50 / Haida Gwaii

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What Does a School Counsellor do?

As your school counsellors, we are here to promote the emotional, social, and personal development of students so that they may feel safe, connected, and ready to learn at school.

Here are some of the things that we do:

- **Individual counselling** – We meet with students to work with them on challenges or concerns that they may be experiencing.
- **Small group counselling** – We facilitate small group sessions for students who need a little extra support in a certain areas.
- **Classroom lessons** – We will be visiting classrooms to teach lessons on social emotional skills such as feelings, communication, problem-solving, respect, diversity, etc.
- **Consultation with Staff and Parents** – We are able to meet with parents and staff to find and develop resources on issues that affect students.

What else should you know?

- We are members of teams that work to make your child's school experience successful.
- We respect you and your child's right to privacy. Confidentiality is a big part of our jobs!
- We are happy to connect with you to share and discuss concerns, questions, and positive things about your child.

Meet the Counsellors!

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