



Primary Location

Australia and New Zealand

Qualifications/Accreditations

Chartered Accountant
Institute of Chartered Accountants

Bachelor of Commerce (accounting)
University of Adelaide

Appointments

Chair Finance Committee – Peace
Lutheran College (2022 - current)

Consultant for Council – Peace
Lutheran College (2022 – current)

Somerset Education Vision

To be the respected source of
simple, trusted, financial tools and
advice for school management and
governors.

Simplicity, Integrity, Professionalism

Jessica is a Chartered Accountant with a keen interest in both the Education Industry and the Not-for-Profit Sector.

Jessica embarked on her career in the consulting divisions of Chartered Accounting Practices in Adelaide, where she obtained her Bachelor of Commerce degree from Adelaide University and earned her Chartered Accounting qualifications. Over the span of seven years, Jessica amassed extensive experience in taxation, financial reporting, and business planning, serving a diverse clientele. Her adeptness in consulting and reporting to both businesses and government institutions stood out during this period.

A desire to work in a commercial role saw Jessica leave chartered practice and transfer to the finance department of a retail clothing chain in Adelaide. This opportunity granted Jessica invaluable exposure to corporate finance reporting, involvement in audit procedures, and immersion in the day-to-day commercial operations of a prominent statewide company. Additionally, she gained hands-on experience in financial analysis, risk management, and strategic decision-making, further enriching her skill set and professional acumen.

In 2019 Jessica moved to the Sunshine State of Queensland and joined Somerset Education. Jessica has actively been involved in the budgeting, forecasting and financial reporting functions for Independent Schools across Australia. Jessica finds fulfillment in supporting schools and regularly attends conferences to personally connect with business managers. This proactive approach not only allows her to contribute meaningfully to educational institutions but also fosters valuable relationships within the professional community.

She continues to deepen and broaden her experience and knowledge in the education industry and looks forward to a rewarding and challenging career.

Core Expertise

- Financial **governance** and **risk management** of schools
- Financial **benchmarking online tool**
- Budgeting and Board reporting
- Financial **viability/sustainability** and performance improvement
- Leadership and management

Passion and Values

- Passionate about improving core strategic and operational functions, systems and processes to achieve organisational objectives
- Integrity, professionalism and simplicity