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Reference for Ms. Maria Susanna (Sumari) Gildenhuys

It is my pleasure to write this reference letter for Ms. Sumari Gildenhuys. In her 3 years at Sunway International School (SIS), Sumari has been an excellent and professional member of our staff and our school community will be missed.

Without question, Sumari brings a genuine care and professional motivation for student learning combined with excellent content knowledge and sound teaching practices. In her time at SIS, Sumari worked very hard to learn and incorporate the Ontario curriculum and its unique approaches to teaching, learning, and assessment, all to the benefit of her students. Those students in her class are inspired, encouraged and show growth in terms of their effort and responsibility. Sumari has taken it upon herself, in these Covid-19 times to initiate videos demonstrating the achievements of her students, overcoming the challenge of showing student art in the traditional sense. As well, in her other teaching roles, Sumari worked exceptionally hard to ensure that students received an excellent experience while these subjects were not in the area of visual arts and I highly respect her for these efforts.

Outside of the class, Sumari worked hard with our Christian Fellowship to not only bring activities back to the club, but to support and challenge the students to breathe new life into their online activities that they are restricted to. Sumari was also a dedicated professional who collaborated well with her fellow teachers. Student achievement and an excellent learning environment was always her number one concern and her work with fellow teachers showed this.

Sumari's contributions to SIS have been significant and consistent during her time. She has made a strong impression on staff and students and I have no doubt that she will continue to do so. I know she will be a value addition to any organization that she joins and I wish her nothing but continued success.

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