

Dr. Elizabeth Segedin



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Dr. Elizabeth Segedin choose to study Medicine because of the expectations placed upon her, she felt as though she was expected to do a science subject and so applied to study Medicine. She has a bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery from Auckland University and was made a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

She couldn't reconcile grown ups who had abused their bodies and then having to feel sorry for their plight. Children were, on the other hand, not responsible for their situation and there was little drama in their approach to life, so she established the intensive care unit at Starship Children's Hospital and considers this her proudest achievement.

Her advice for current Epsom Girls Grammar School girls is that "gender equality is about expectations on male parents to be able to choose to be home based or working and to share equally in child care and domesticity. It is about parents being expected to be there for their kids whether male or female."

"Gender equality is not about women working part time as parents. It is about parents being expected to be there for their kids whether male or female. Women have to expect this or it won't happen."