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LEA SERVICE AWARD

Julie Schmocker

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1990 – 2017**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Julie Schmocker to Lutheran education over a period of 28 years.

Julie commenced her service in Lutheran education in 1990 when she was appointed to the staff of St John's Lutheran School, Kingaroy Qld, as a classroom teacher, only the third teacher to be appointed to the school since it opened in 1989. In 2007 she took on the role of Music and Extension teacher. Julie served in that role for two years after which she assumed a part time teaching role in the Arts until mid 2016. Due to the ill health of her husband, Julie took some leave, returning to the school in a casual role late in 2017.

Julie's diligent service to Lutheran education in the South Burnett region has been appreciated and valued. Her passion, experience and dedication to classroom teaching assisted the school to develop in its early years. She cared deeply for each student she taught and endeavoured to assist them on their life journey as well as their learning journey. She encouraged students to develop their God given gifts and talents whatever they may have been.

Julie was a gifted artist and enjoyed working with students in this area, serving as the Arts teacher for many years. She inspired many students over the years to love the Arts.

Julie will be remembered by her colleagues for her caring support. She was always willing to take time for people and could be relied on to assist others whenever she was needed.

Julie's commitment to her Lord Jesus has been central to all she has undertaken. Her faithful and conscientious service to the Lutheran Church of Australia, through her service at St John's Lutheran School, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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