

June 2017

**LEA SERVICE AWARD**

**Jillian Berton**

**For services to Lutheran schooling  
1996 – 2016**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Jillian Berton to Lutheran education for more than twenty years.

Jillian commenced her service in Lutheran schools in 1996 when she joined the staff at Holy Trinity Lutheran School (now known as Trinity Lutheran College) in Mildura Vic. She served continuously at Trinity until her retirement in 2016.

During her time at Trinity, Jill has worked across the junior primary years as a teacher assistant in literacy and numeracy. Jill has endeared herself to the college community – staff, parents and students. She has a clear and apparent understanding of servant leadership and has diligently expressed this in her interactions with all people. Jill has a deep heart and has always extended a loving hand to students and staff. It has not been unusual to see Jill organising, making and putting up magnificent displays to showcase our school, or sharing a cup of tea with a parent in tears, or offering support for our school staff.

Jill has had to manage a changing environment with the introduction of students, programs, and processes. She has attended multiple college events including fundraising activities, girls-night-out events, information nights, and whole college services. She has also been the quiet worker behind the scenes on many occasions at Trinity.

Jill has performed all her duties with distinction and diligence. She has been a conscientious, energetic and caring member of the college who willingly supports people in need. She is respected for her calm demeanour, her ability to manage multiple tasks at once and her thoughtful and prayerful nature. She has been a mother, grandmother, comforter, sister, counsellor and carer to many people. Her ability to be confidante and friend has been deeply appreciated by staff.

Jillian's faithful and conscientious service to the Lutheran Church of Australia through her service at Trinity Lutheran College has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

**Stephen Rudolph  
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