

December 2017

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Marie Kirby

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1986 – 2017**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Marie Kirby to Lutheran education for 32 years.

Marie commenced her service in Lutheran education in 1986 when she was appointed to the staff of St Peters Lutheran College, Indooroopilly Qld. Marie taught Mathematics across a number of year levels and in different variations over her time at the college. At the same time she has delivered effective and engaging pastoral care to the students. She served continuously at the college until her retirement in 2017.

Marie began in a part time capacity teaching Junior Mathematics, Maths I and Maths II. In 1992 she became full time, teaching Maths B and Maths C and Junior Mathematics. Marie was the Teacher in Charge of Mathematics B for many years and when she finished her career at St Peters, she was the CLA for Mathematics B.

Marie was also involved in the co-curricular program offered at the college as netball coach for many years. She was a proud Mitchell House member over her entire teaching career and on occasions stood in as House Patron. Her keen interest in environmental issues led to her involvement in the Environmental Group for a number of years.

Marie has proven a loyal, diligent worker across decades of the life of the college. All staff have noted and been helped by her superior intelligence and her ability to problem solve. She could quickly analyse a situation and present logical and meaningful solutions to any issues she encountered. Marie was a passionate advocate for Mathematics and always had the best interests of her students at heart, both within and outside the classroom. The fondness and esteem that many ex-students continue to hold for her after their graduation is a clear testimony to the care and concern she has shown them. Her willing service to the college has been highly valued and is to be commended.

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

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