

November 2017

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Lois Kissick

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1995 – 2017**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Lois Kissick to Lutheran education for 23 years.

Lois commenced her service in Lutheran schools when she joined the teaching staff at Grace Lutheran College, Rothwell Qld, in April 1995. She served in various leadership roles including Deputy Head, and later Head, of Christian Knowledge, and also Head of English. Lois served continuously at Grace until her retirement in 2017.

Lois is a wonderful example of the servant leader. Her genuine care and warmth towards her students and fellow staff were clearly evident. Lois possessed the ability to make those with whom she came into contact feel valued and empowered. As Head of English, Lois successfully managed a large department with a diverse range of teachers. She developed and maintained a close knit and collegial group of staff. Leading by example, Lois was always prepared to step in and help in any given situation. At the same time, she trusted in the professionalism of her staff, giving autonomy and enabling them to give their best.

As an innovative classroom teacher, Lois made lessons fun, yet challenging for students. She nurtured the critical thinking skills vital for young people and encouraged students to write and communicate with an authentic voice and flair for language. That flair for language was also certainly evident in anything that Lois herself wrote. She taught a number of generations of children and sometimes remarked that at parent interview time, the parent was someone she had taught. Many parents and students would speak fondly of having the privilege of being in Miss Kissick's class.

Lois lives out her deeply held faith in all that she does. Over the years, her morning devotions touched many staff and students. Her passion and love for her Lord is clear for all to see and an inspiration for many. Lois has spent much of her life dedicated to the education of young people. It is now time for Lois to rest and all will no doubt affirm that she is indeed a 'good and faithful servant'.

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

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