

November 2017

**LEA SERVICE AWARD**

**Beryl Paech**

**For services to Lutheran schooling  
1978-1980 and 1997-2017**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Beryl Paech to Lutheran education for 24 years.

Beryl commenced her service in Lutheran schools when she joined the staff at Immanuel Lutheran School, Gawler SA in 1978. In 1980 she moved to Queensland and took up a position at Immanuel Lutheran College, Maroochydore, where she taught for one year. In 1997 Beryl joined the staff at Grace Lutheran College, Rothwell, as part of the administration team.

At Grace, Beryl served as the first Learning Support Teacher Aide. She initially began supporting students with their academic tasks, but as the years progressed, it became evident that Beryl's ability to plan and organise the department and create a tight knit team of colleagues was invaluable, and so she became the Administrative Assistant to the ever growing number of staff in Learning Support.

During her time out of schools, Beryl's Christian service continued as she ran playgroups, women's groups and coordinated *kids clubs* in Port Lincoln and Victor Harbor. Additionally, Beryl's dedication to her local congregations and the support she provided many people has been unmeasurable.

Beryl has been a loyal, dedicated and professional member of staff and went about her work efficiently and unassumingly. Her efforts are not only evident but also fundamental to the college's smooth operation. Beryl epitomised true servant leadership and showed genuine interest and concern for the welfare of her colleagues. Her wisdom and willingness to listen to the concerns of others have been greatly appreciated. She will be remembered for her warmth, generosity, words of advice and her delightful sense of humour.

Beryl's Christian values have been clearly evident in all her relationships at the college. Her warmth, discretion, serenity, supportiveness and flexibility have made her the consummate colleague and friend to all who have had the privilege of knowing her.

Beryl's faithful and conscientious service to her Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, through her service in Lutheran schools, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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