

November 2017

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Jenny Turner

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

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

Jenny Turner commenced her service in Lutheran schools in 1995 at Luther College as a teacher of History, and as History Coordinator for ten years. She has been an exemplary professional and highly competent member of the college community, and has at all times shown a staunch dedication to the college ethos, both personally and in the classroom.

As a teacher she was always committed, conscientious and very thorough. She is passionate about her subject and developing student interest in History has been central to her approach to teaching. She set her students challenges and encouraged them to support their conclusions with relevant evidence and argue these through in order to clarify their thoughts. Students appreciated the creative and innovative methods, many of which included technology, which she used to present her material. They saw her as a strong and inspiring teacher, who had high standards but was fair and approachable. They also appreciated her sense of humour and looked forward to her lessons.

During her time at Luther, Jenny participated in various camps, trips and excursions; she helped with musicals and was involved in the Year 10 City Cite (CENSUS 10) experience, and took responsibility for Remembrance Day services and homegroup-led chapel presentations. She encouraged her students to become involved in external events, such as the National History Challenge, with excellent results, and also organised excursions and speakers for her classes.

As a faculty coordinator, she worked hard to advance her subject. She developed enrichment programs for her students and was actively involved in professional development opportunities, including being a member of the History Teachers Association of Victoria, the Commonwealth History Project and auditing courses in other schools. Even when she wasn't teaching her subject at specific year level, she attended relevant workshops and conferences because she considered that to be part of her responsibility as a faculty coordinator. She had a keen and constant involvement in curriculum planning, both for her classes as well as her faculty, and was keen to be involved in the mentoring program for new teachers.

At all times Jenny has been open, honest and communicative. Her cheerful, approachable manner made her popular among the staff and everyone appreciated her professionalism and commitment to her students and subject.

Jenny will be missed by everyone at Luther. The entire college community is grateful for her dedicated service and wishes her a long and satisfying retirement with time to do things that give you joy and contentment.

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

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