

December 2018

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Julie Gould

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1988 – 2018**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Julie Gould to Lutheran education for 31 years.

Julie's service to Lutheran education commenced in 1988 when she joined the staff of Concordia Primary School, Toowoomba Qld, as a classroom and music teacher. In 2008 when Concordia Primary School amalgamated with Concordia Lutheran College, Julie was appointed Acting Head of Campus and in 2009 Director of Campus for Concordia Primary which is now known as Warwick Street Campus. She served continuously in this role until her retirement at the end of 2018.

Julie was educated at Concordia Primary and Concordia College. She developed a strong servant leadership style passionately focused on sharing in the mission and ministry of the church. Julie shines her light for the Lord not only at the college but also as an active member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church congregation in Toowoomba.

Julie takes every opportunity to share her faith and values as she ministers to staff, students, parents and the wider school community. She has assisted in leading and guiding student and staff worship activities, devotions, Bible studies and chapel services. She has also encouraged and enabled staff to attend professional learning opportunities focused on their theological development. Julie's musical expertise has been a blessing to the Concordia community and utilised through her organisation and leadership of numerous school productions and performances.

Julie has shared her passion for teaching and learning through the development and implementation of a curriculum that always reflects the needs of her students. This dedication to her students was recognised in 1998 when she received the Rolph Mayer Award for Teaching Excellence. This award highlighted Julie's ability to individualise programs to ensure the learning journey of each student is reflective of their own unique leaning abilities, allowing them to reach their maximum potential.

Julie is a positive and cheerful influence within the college community. Her focus on student success and wellbeing has always incorporated a team approach, encouraging and guiding parental involvement as a pivotal role in the educational journey of their child. Open communication and collaboration has enabled Julie to build a cohesive team to nurture and support students. She has shown genuine respect, empathy and understanding for staff, parents and students throughout her time at Concordia.

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

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