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LEA SERVICE AWARD

Janette Jestrímskí

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1992 – 2018**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Janette Jestrímskí to Lutheran education over a period of 26 years.

Janette commenced her service in Lutheran schools in October 1992 when she was appointed as Registrar at St Andrews Lutheran College, Tallebudgera, Queensland. However, in a voluntary capacity she served both the Founding Congregation and the College in administration and treasurer capacities for the eight months prior.

New to Queensland from Melbourne and with two growing children to provide for, Janette and husband Paul took a leap of faith when Janette joined the small team of pioneers who founded St Andrews Lutheran College – a College which, at that stage, was without buildings or students!

Janette's practical, clear thinking and determination, coupled with her natural love and concern for others not only made her the ideal Registrar for the College but also enabled her to work in her mission field, to show God's love and compassion and to give comfort and hope when needed. She was so often the point of contact in family crises and was always ready to guide others to people or places where further help and assistance could be offered.

As Registrar, Janette has enrolled most, if not all, of the students who have attended St Andrews. She is loved and respected by many, as evidenced by the number of past students who return to see her and who keep in contact. From day one in 1993 with 52 students, Janette has seen the numbers swell to nearly 1300 upon her retirement. Administration staff was non-existent in the early days and Janette took on many different roles to assist the College to grow. Some of the roles she is still involved with and enjoys thoroughly, like the annual Teddy Bears Picnic for the new Prep students, as just one example.

Janette understands the strength of relationship. She has been blessed with a gift, which enables her to communicate wisely with parents and students, and she gives warm support to the growing number of new staff. Her own commitment to her Christian faith is evident and her ability to let this show through her daily relationships has been a shining example to many.

Janette will be remembered by the families and staff of St Andrews for her caring support and unwavering loyalty to St Andrews. She was always willing to take time out to discuss any issues of concern whenever needed. Janette epitomised true servant leadership and showed genuine interest and concern for the welfare of the families and staff of her much loved College.

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

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