

December 2019

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Helene Jaensch

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1983 - 2019**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Helene Jaensch to Lutheran education spanning a period of 36 years.

Helene commenced her service in Lutheran Schools in 1983 where she served as a year three teacher at Good Shepherd Lutheran School Para Vista. Helene resigned from her teaching position in June 1985 to have her family.

In the years between 1985 and 2000 Helene served as a regular relief teacher, always ready for those early morning calls, responding whenever she could. Helene also completed a number of contracts, working some part of each year through out this time. Helene also served with dedication and passion on the school council at Good Shepherd for 9 years.

In 2000, Helene returned to Good Shepherd in a part time capacity where the majority of this time she provided Visual Art lessons across the school. Her passion and drive for this area of the curriculum never waned. Helene inspired many students over the years with her love of the Arts.

Both methodical and hardworking, Helene kept an eagle eye on art room supplies, their storage and state of repair. Organising and creating art displays is time-consuming and arduous, yet Helene always rose to the challenge, and over the years, hundreds of students, staff and visitors have seen the results of her meticulous dedication.

Helene will be remembered for her kindness to people in need; she was always available with a listening ear and a bunch of flowers.

Helene worshipped regularly at Good Shepherd, contributing to both the school and church community in the areas of music and floral art.

Helene'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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