

June 2019

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Rhonda Myers

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1994 – 2019**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Rhonda Myers for 25 years.

Rhonda commenced her service in Lutheran education in 1994 when she was appointed as a Teacher Assistant at Grace Lutheran College, Rothwell Qld. In 2007 Rhonda took on the role of Deputy Principal's Administration Assistant, a position she held until her retirement in 2019. For a short time (November 2006 to February 2007) Rhonda was the Acting Headmaster's Secretary.

Rhonda has demonstrated commitment and dedication to Grace Lutheran College both as a parent and as a long serving staff member. Her voluntary role on the Parents and Friends Committee allowed her to engage, and build lasting relationships, with many parents with a common goal of serving the Grace community. Rhonda helped to fundraise for facilities for the students at the college. Her gracious, tireless efforts in establishing new initiatives for the P&F Committee, together with her dogged determination, led to the establishment of programs and physical spaces still used to this day.

When working in the Careers Department, Rhonda's focus was to ensure students were allocated work placements that allowed them to gain 'hands on' experience in the career of their choice. To plan and prepare these opportunities, Rhonda went above and beyond the expectations of her role to establish connections with businesses and professionals in the broader community. Parents and students benefitted greatly from her work in this area as they felt supported in having their needs met.

Rhonda has always been proud of the work she does and has given it her all. She always provided a listening ear, a kindhearted approach and an equitable solution to issues raised with her. Staff on both the Rothwell and Caboolture campuses have valued Rhonda's care and concern. Her pragmatic approach, coupled with practical empathy for those in need, has been appreciated by the entire college community.

Rhonda creatively thinks outside the box in order to arrive at very distinct and workable solutions. She has demonstrated a high level of intelligence and the ability to problem solve, analyse, create and detail intricacies of the timetable. This crucial role at the college has enabled the smooth running of the day to day schedule for both staff and students.

Rhonda is a fun-loving, humorous, 'get on with the job' type of person. Unique in many ways and gifted with an array of talents and skills, she has consistently used these to the best of her ability and for the glory of God. Her faith talk has been evident in her daily interactions with staff, students and parents as she patiently cares for and finds solutions to cater for their needs.

In every way Rhonda has personified grace, sacrificially giving in her service to her Lord and Saviour. Her faithful and dedicated service to the Lutheran Church of Australia, through her service at Grace Lutheran College, has been outstanding and is gratefully acknowledged through this Award.

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