

December 2019

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Julie O'Halloran

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1999 – 2019**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Julie O'Halloran to Lutheran schools for over 20 years.

Julie commenced work at Grace Lutheran College in May 1999 in the drama department although her connection to the college had already commenced prior in a voluntary capacity. In 2000 July moved to the art department. She was involved in helping to set up the new art block.

After five years Julie moved to the learning support department where she was able to study a Certificate in Education Support. She enjoyed working with the team and encouraging students to see their progress and gain confidence in their abilities.

In 2006 a position became vacant in home economics, now the lifestyle technology department. It was a busy time with lots of new skills to learn. As the department grew Julie's role became more focused on only textiles and being a classroom teacher's aide. Julie has also relieved in the library after hours, and has done some holiday stints on front reception.

Julie has fulfilled all roles within the Grace community with a servant heart. She was always willing to go above and beyond in order to meet the needs of staff and students. Whether this be with her administration skills, textile skills or her willingness to just get in and serve others so their jobs were made easier.

Julie especially has enjoyed her later years of service at Grace where she has been able to be in the classroom working alongside students and helping them to achieve success in their textile projects. Even when they thought they couldn't, Julie would encourage them to keep going. Julie's caring and warm personality provided opportunities for her to minister God's love to fellow staff members. Julie's empathy with other staff, support and prayers have been valued by many.

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

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