

December 2019

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Pauline Sachse

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1986 – 2019**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Pauline Sachse to Lutheran education over a period of 34 years.

In 1986, as the first ancillary staff member to be employed at Faith Lutheran School, Pauline had numerous duties including receptionist, secretary, finance assistant and first aid assistant. It was also the start of her ongoing work with the school's newsletter, 'The Vineyard', and the school magazine, 'Footprints'. This diversity of professional duties and responsibilities has continued to be a hallmark of her years of service at Faith.

Pauline has been involved in pastoral care with members of the teaching staff as a Village Care Group teacher since 1992. Living out her support for the college's Christian ethos, Pauline has developed and maintained lasting relationships not only with Gnadenberg Village staff, but also with students and their families. Pauline maintains an unerring memory for past students and their family connections.

Pauline's professional skills extended to the area of report writing and the preparation of school leavers' statements before moving into the Barossa Arts and Convention Centre as Personal Assistant to the Director in 1998. Pauline soon learned her way around the 967 seat theatre and continues to guide and plan seating for various college events.

In 2002, Pauline returned to the administration area of the college as a Lutheran Schools Officer, taking up previous responsibilities and adding exam preparation and reporting. This desire to extend herself professionally has marked Pauline's career and she is highly valued for her insights, practical approach, thoroughness, integrity and loyalty.

A major area of responsibility in recent years for Pauline has been secretarial assistance to academic and leadership staff. This has demanded that she acquire a very sound knowledge of all subject areas and be able to liaise effectively with staff. Not only will Pauline's ability to plan ahead, be flexible, remain calm under pressure and her delightful sense of humour be missed, but also her sensitivity, listening ear, wisdom and advice.

Pauline's faithful and dedicated service to Lutheran education, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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