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LEA SERVICE AWARD

Jennifer Noll

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1979 – 2018**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Jennifer Noll to Lutheran schools for 34 years.

Jenny commenced her service in Lutheran schools when she was appointed as Junior Primary Teacher at Spring Head Lutheran School, Mount Torrens in South Australia, serving in this capacity from 1979 to 1981. When her husband David accepted employment in New South Wales, Jenny was offered a teaching position at St Paul's Lutheran Primary School in Henty from 1982 – 1983. In 1988 Jenny was employed as a teacher at St John's Lutheran School, Jindera, and remained there until the end of 1989. She commenced her service at Tanunda Lutheran School in 1992 serving as Special Education/Learning Support teacher until her recent retirement.

Jenny has been the conduit between families and teachers to offer learning support to hundreds of students. She has liaised with allied health professionals and associations such as Autism SA, Dyslexia specialists, occupational therapists, educational psychologists and speech pathologists along with others, to arrange meetings with parents and gain further understanding of students' needs at school.

Jenny has headed up a team of learning support officers at TLS. She has identified, with teacher and parent help, students who are struggling at school in Maths, English or socialisation with peers and coordinated relevant support for these students in class and where necessary, withdrawal from class.

She has encouraged the many students that she has worked with academically but has, just as or more importantly, encouraged and nurtured these same students and their parents to find their areas of strength and appreciate how important they are as God's children.

During her time at TLS, Jenny also coordinated the Learning Assistance Program (LAP) for many years, a student-centred and volunteer-based mentoring program designed to assist schools to implement one-to-one learning to support, guide and enrich the wellbeing and learning outcomes of students.

Jenny's faithful and dedicated service to her Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, through her service in Lutheran schools, has been outstanding and is gratefully acknowledged through this Award.

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