

December 2022

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Karen Bulens

**For service to Lutheran education
2001 – 2022**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Karen Bulens to Lutheran education for 21 years.

Karen commenced her service in Lutheran education in 2001 when she was appointed as a Teacher Aid at Calvary Lutheran Primary School in Morphett Vale South Australia. In 2005 she moved into the role of Business Manager and served diligently and faithfully in this role until 2011. Karen then transitioned into the role of Administration Assistant in 2011 and held this role for 6 years. In 2018, Karen was appointed to the position of Office Manager and personal assistant to the principal, which she has held through to her retirement in 2022.

Karen's faithful service and diligent attention to detail has been instrumental in supporting Calvary to become the thriving, financially secure and 'cutting-edge' educational institution that it is today. Her ability to communicate with parents, staff and students has been a significant strength of Karen's and this has been critical in her current role as she has often been the first contact families have with the school. Her commitment to living out the Christian nature of Lutheran education through these interactions has been a blessing to all who have had the pleasure of working with her and she has been a faithful example of grace in action throughout her entire 21 years of service.

Karen will be remembered by her colleagues for her caring support and her willingness to take time to ensure that all students, staff and family members had their needs met, felt heard and supported. Karen epitomised true servant leadership and showed genuine interest and concern for the welfare of the whole Calvary community.

Karen's faithful and conscientious service to her Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, through her service in Lutheran Education, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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