

December 2017

## **LEA SERVICE AWARD**

**Jill Ashdown**

**For services to Lutheran schooling  
1995 – 2017**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Jill Ashdown to Lutheran education for 23 years.

Jill commenced her service in Lutheran education in 1995 when she was appointed as a Food Services Attendant at St Peters Lutheran College, Indooroopilly Qld. She served continuously at the college until her retirement in 2017.

Jill has given a significant part of her working life to the service of students and staff at St Peters and has been the face behind Café 454. Her many years of early morning and night shifts are to be admired, and the college community are grateful for her kindness and compassion.

To the boarders, Jill is considered a treasured family member who knows each student and is friendly and kind. Jill makes each student feel valued and important. There is no doubt she genuinely cares for the students and her fellow staff and they always know that she has their best interests at heart. Whether it is a work-related matter or a personal challenge, Jill is always understanding and willing to listen and give support no matter what the issue.

Jill has been firm, fair and she has earned the respect of her peers by being able to laugh with them, but still confront the challenging issues when needed. She has been an encouraging, kind, compassionate and caring member of Café 45. The moment Jill leaves will be the moment when the St Peters community truly understand how much of an impact she has made on the college.

The St Peters community has been blessed and incredibly privileged to have had the opportunity to know Jill and are grateful for all she has contributed to the school over the decades.

Jill's faithful and conscientious service to the Lutheran Church of Australia, through her service in at St Peters Lutheran College, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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