

November 2017

**LEA SERVICE AWARD**

**Ute Buettner**

**For services to Lutheran schooling  
1984 – 2017**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Ute Buettner to Lutheran education for 34 years.

Ute commenced her service in Lutheran education in 1984 when she became a member of the Luther College community as a teacher of Middle School German and Homegroup Counsellor in Wicklow 2. She served continuously at Luther until her retirement in 2017.

During her time at the college hundreds of students have benefitted from her language expertise, her enthusiasm for her teaching role and her dedication.

Ute has been an excellent classroom practitioner, well organised and hardworking. Her students recognised her abilities and knowledge, and appreciated her caring treatment of them. Her immersion approach to teaching German stood them in good stead when they reached the more advanced course levels. She tried hard to engage all students, regardless of their language ability, by introducing a variety of activities in the classroom as well as diverse assessment materials. Technology was included in her lesson planning, as well as many new curriculum ideas, in order to keep her students interested.

Both in the classroom and the Languages Department itself, Ute was always accommodating, sincere and cheerful. She actively participated in camps, school trips and house activities. Ute's loyalty to the college is unquestioned and she has been an asset to her faculty and the broader Luther community. She has modelled her Christian values, both in her attitudes and behaviour as well as in her teaching.

Ute will be missed by all at Luther who have been privileged to know her. The entire college community is grateful for her dedicated service and wishes her a long and satisfying retirement with time to do things that give you joy and contentment.

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

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