

November 2021

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Cheryl Fillmore
**For service to Lutheran education
1997 – 2021**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Cheryl Fillmore to Lutheran education for 25 years.

Cheryl commenced her service in Lutheran education in 1997 at Immanuel Lutheran College Buderim. Cheryl retires this year and concludes an exceptional career that has been difficult to capture in this citation.

Cheryl is a highly credentialed teacher who has mastered her subject areas of Science and Maths and is a specialist in Physics. She is highly knowledgeable of curriculum trends and has been driven to deliver a rich education for her students. Cheryl is not only dedicated to her profession but has made a significant investment to Immanuel. She conducted many co-curricular opportunities for students, including Physics lectures, Science activities, and her famous school-based initiative 'Rev Heads.'

Across her roles and responsibilities that have included Head of Science for many years, and more recently Deputy Head of Secondary School, Cheryl has used her extensive knowledge and gentle demeanor to guide college practices and support her colleagues. Her colleagues add that when Cheryl was Head of Science she would put on Friday afternoon drinks before going home, always a Brown Brothers Zibibbo, to thank her Science staff. Cheryl has also gained an impressive collection of student artworks purchased from the Immanuel Arts Festival.

Cheryl also has an extensive list of formal achievements, including:

- Masters of Education – Research
- Successful application and Project leader for an Australian Government Quality Teacher Program (AGQTP) grant for the Pocket PC Project
- Successful application for the Hewlett Packard Innovations in Education Project grant (noting that ILC was one of just three schools in Australia to receive more than \$150,000 worth of equipment, including 29 Hewlett Packard tablets. The HP Innovations in Education grant was a result of the school's HP Pocket PC project in 2005)
- Presentation of Workshops to QUT Graduate Diploma in Education students on 'Surviving Your First Verification: QSA Curriculum & Assessment'
- Sunshine Coast District Physics Panel Chair
- LEQ Rolph Mayer Award for Excellence in Teaching – 2008
- Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Secondary Science Teaching – Highly Commended (2010)
- Presented a paper at the International Society for Technology in Education Conference (Philadelphia)
- Immanuel Lutheran College Deputy Head of Secondary School – Curriculum and Pedagogy

It is important to acknowledge her personal aspects too. Cheryl is intelligent, caring, and wonderfully loyal. She has made a substantial contribution to our college and Lutheran education more broadly. It is the impact that she has had on students, families and colleagues that can't be measured but will be most missed. Congratulations Cheryl Fillmore on an outstanding career.

Cheryl's faithful and conscientious service to our Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, through her service in Lutheran education, has been excellent and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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