

November 2021

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Rita Hermus

**For service to Lutheran Education
1999 – 2021**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Rita Hermus to Lutheran education for 22 years.

Rita commenced her service in Lutheran education in 1999 when she was appointed as a science teacher at Grace Lutheran College. After two years, Rita moved into the leadership position of Deputy Head of Science. Rita's dedication and passion for science soon saw her as the Head of Science at Grace Lutheran College. This was amongst various other acting roles. In 2014 Rita was appointed Deputy Head of Curriculum, before progressing to Head of Teaching and Learning in 2016, where her drive for academic excellence could be permeated at a strategic college level across the two campuses.

Rita was dedicated in her approach to developing a strong science department. Her curriculum strengths were acknowledged outside of the college where she completed work for the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

Across all the roles Rita filled at Grace, she was reputed for her passion, commitment, and investment in to teaching and learning programs and to individual student academic excellence. She is known for her superior knowledge of biology and her passion for nature and environmental science. Rita has been marked by very high standards and her determination to raise the academic culture of the college. This was best demonstrated in her pivotal role in transitioning staff and students to the new QCE system.

Rita's investment into college life extended beyond the classroom and management of curriculum to other community activities with her involvement in musical costume making and supervision, Cambodia collective, debating coordinator and basketball coach.

Rita will be remembered by her colleagues for her dedication and commitment towards academic excellence at Grace.

Rita'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 recognized through this Award.

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