

December 2021

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Pamela Kalisch-Smith

**For service to Lutheran education
1979 – 1987 and 2002 – 2021**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Pamela Kalisch-Smith to Lutheran education for 30 years.

Pam commenced her service in Lutheran education as a teacher at Concordia College in 1979 and held this position until 1987. Pamela then re-commenced in Lutheran education as teacher at St Peters Lutheran College, Indooroopilly, a role she has held for the past 22 years.

After initially commencing as a supply teacher at St Peters, over the years Pam has worked in a number of departments, in both full-time and part-time capacities. Pam has taught Christian Studies and Art, and is herself, a talented artist. In recent years, Pam has focussed on teaching SOSE in Junior High (Years 7-9) – both History and Geography. All students who have been in Pam's Geography classes know how much she loves chorographs and hand-drawn mapping activities – which no doubt comes from her artistic background.

Pam is a calm, caring and considerate teacher. Her moderate approach in the classroom is blended with effective classroom management skills. She has high expectations of her students and works with them to help them reach their full potential.

Pam is a person of integrity, someone who has always had the respect of students, parents and staff alike. She has embraced changes in teaching pedagogies and technology that have come along during her distinguished teaching career and has effectively embedded these in her classroom practice.

Pam is one of the true quiet achievers and this award recognises this. Pam arrives at school each day always planned and prepared for every lesson, with a focus fully on her students and making a difference in the classroom and to student learning.

As a teacher, Pam has had an impact on the lives of thousands of students over the years in both big ways and small.

Pam's faithful and dedicated service to Lutheran education has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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