

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Jill Lange-Mohr

**For service to Lutheran education
1980 – 2023**

The Lutheran Church of Australia gratefully acknowledges the dedicated and committed service of Jill Lange-Mohr to Lutheran education for 21 years.

As a former boarding student at Concordia College in Toowoomba, Jill's embrace and confident sharing of her faith shaped her path as an educator within Lutheran Schools.

Jill began her teaching career at Grace Lutheran College, Queensland, in 1980 as an Art teacher. Her immediate positive impact on both students and the newly established College set the tone for her influential career. Jill's creative touch extended to designing the first Grace College crest, and her work on the original crest continues to influence more contemporary designs.

From 1997 to 2001, Jill served on the St Peters Lutheran College board, contributing her rich experience and corporate business skills for the benefit of the St Peters' community. Her role on the Lutheran Laypeople's League Board from 2005 to 2015 was instrumental in fostering relationships between the LLL and Lutheran Schools across Australia.

In 2007, Jill undertook the challenging role of founding Principal at St Peters Lutheran College, Springfield. Over the next decade, the College grew to become a preferred choice in the Springfield area, offering excellent learning opportunities from Early Learning to Year 12.

Transitioning to Geelong Lutheran College as Head of College, Jill played a crucial role in making the college a leading institution in the greater Geelong area over five and a half years. Her strong business and marketing acumen, coupled with her guiding principle of 'What you permit, you approve,' set a high standard for the GLC community. During the challenging COVID years, Jill prioritised maintaining a sense of community and student wellbeing, supporting the ongoing development of the College.

In January 2023, Geelong Lutheran College and St John's Lutheran School amalgamated into one College with two campuses.

In 2020, Jill received an Order of Australia Medal in the Australia Day Honours list for her significant contribution and service to education. Jill is remembered for her passion for artistic endeavours, love of Bach, strong faith, and her commitment to ensuring every staff member knows the legacy of Martin and Katie Luther.

Jill's outstanding and conscientious service to her Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, through her extensive contributions to Lutheran education, is humbly recognised through this well-deserved award.

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