

December 2020

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Christine Lee

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1984 – 2020**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Christine Lee to Lutheran education over a period of 37 years.

Christine is trustworthy, humble, compassionate, thoughtful, creative, fair and a kind teacher and friend to many. Every step of her distinguished teaching career at Grace Lutheran Primary School Clontarf and Immanuel Lutheran College Buderim has been embraced as an opportunity to unconditionally love and care for others. She saw each student as a treasured and unique gift from God and endeavored to show them the patience of an angel. Christine wholeheartedly extended this attitude to parents, colleagues and the broader community. She nurtured an inclusive, safe and calm classroom where everyone was welcomed.

Christine inspired and motivated students by challenging them to think critically about complex questions, master intricate subject matter and gave them time to wonder about God's wonderful world. In her endeavour to meet the diverse needs of every student, Christine skillfully incorporated a flexible approach to her pedagogy and use of teaching structures. Her authentic teaching and extensive knowledge were reflected in students attaining their goals and achieving positive learning outcomes. Christine understood the importance of independent learning and fostered a creative atmosphere in her classroom where feedback and assessment allowed students to 'shine'.

Christine's passion for reading was shared with her students and colleagues daily. She loved to talk about new books she had discovered and ignite that passion in her students and peers. Christine recognised the talents of others and encouraged colleagues to achieve their potential. Christine has been a lifelong 'lover' of learning. She has continuously been a scholar, having recently completed a positive psychology course. Christine recognised that developing her understanding in this area would be highly beneficial in her pastoral care when helping students and colleagues. As a servant leader in the school Christine articulated her vision of Christian education and enthusiastically shared devotions for staff and students. Her passion for delivering meaningful and engaging Christian lessons was the heart of her teaching and learning.

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

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