

## **LEA SERVICE AWARD**

## Jennifer Lotz For service to Lutheran education 1994 – 2021

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Jennifer Lotz to Lutheran education for 27 years.

Jennifer commenced her service in Lutheran education in 1994 when she was appointed as Middle Years Teacher at Trinity Lutheran College, Southport Queensland. After three years she moved into a leadership role as Acting Head of Science. In 2009, Jennifer was appointed in the role of Senior Teacher at St Andrews Lutheran College and soon after was again appointed in a leadership role as Head of Science.

Jennifer's clear, analytical and strategic thinking, as well as her courage and determination, saw each school in which she served develop into a strong educational institution. Her ability to clearly communicate ensured parents, staff and students all clearly understood the Christian nature of Lutheran education. Jennifer's own commitment to her Christian faith and her ability to show this through her decision making and daily relationships has been a shining example to many people. She lives out the LEA Values.

Jennifer's service to Lutheran education broadened in 2007 following her selection to serve LEQ as a member of the working party for the review of PAR structure in Lutheran Schools and in 2008 as a member of the LEQ Schools Council.

In the classroom, Jennifer purposefully developed a positive learning climate and established a strong rapport with her students. Her interpersonal skills with students, parents and the wider community was apparent every day. Her natural ability to treat students fairly and with justice is to be admired. When working with students and communicating with parents, Jennifer is honest, wise and empathetic.

Jennifer will be remembered by her colleagues for her caring support. She was willing to take time out to discuss any issues of concern with a colleague whenever needed. Jennifer epitomised true servant leadership and showed genuine interest and concern for the welfare of all.

Jennifer'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 recognised through this Award.

Assoc Prof Lisa Schmidt Executive Director Lutheran Education Australia