

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Lyndal Mayer

**For service to Lutheran education
1985 – 2022**

Lutheran Education Australia acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Lyndal Mayer to Lutheran education as she moves into retirement after serving for the last 38 years.

Lyndal has faithfully served Lutheran education in a variety of settings since commencing as a teacher at Grace Lutheran Primary School in 1985. Lyndal also taught at St Peters Lutheran College, Good News Lutheran School, and St Paul's Lutheran Primary School where she took on the role of Deputy Principal. Following this, Lyndal also taught at Immanuel Lutheran College and held the role of Deputy Principal, followed by Head of Junior School. These roles developed Lyndal's knowledge of early years education and also honed her administrative skills. In March 2013, Lyndal took on the management of Queensland Lutheran Early Childhood and School-Aged Care Services, better known as QLECS, which was a good fit for her skills and experience.

In Lyndal's time as CEO of QLECS, she has seen many changes to Early Childhood regulations and also the structure of the QLECS branch and the services offered. When Lyndal commenced in the role, QLECS oversaw 58 Services. QLECS now oversees 61 services, including some interstate Services. While the net increase is only small, there have been many changes to the list of Services with a number having closed over the years and others commencing operations. Lyndal's giftings in navigating a path through the complex administration required of the Early Childhood sector are formally recognised. Her national impact through various Lutheran Education Australia projects and her passionate advocacy for early years education has been appreciated.

Lyndal has a heart for people and for the Church which has been evident in her service, not only in her roles over her 38 years of service, but also through the numerous overseas mission trips she has been involved with. There is no doubt that Lyndal will continue to serve our Lord and those He places in her path in the years to come.

Lyndal's faithful and conscientious service to our Lord and 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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