

**LEA SERVICE AWARD**

*Mary-Ann Mickan*

**For service to Lutheran education  
2002 – 2022**

The Lutheran Church thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Mary-Ann Mickan to Lutheran Education for the last 21 years.

Mary-Ann commenced her service at St Peters Lutheran School on 23 January 2002 when she was appointed as a Lutheran School Officer. In this role over the last 21 years, Mary-Ann has worked in classrooms supporting teachers and students and in the area of Safety Management Systems and First Aid.

As a parent of the school, she was supportive of the ethos and culture of the school and made a smooth transition to staff member. Mary-Ann was well regarded for her organisation, attention to detail, care and love of others and a wide range of knowledge pertaining to student development, school systems and health care.

In the classroom, Mary-Ann worked positively with children in small groups or one-on-one to help them flourish as individuals and learners. She was able to quickly develop relationships with the children. Her interpersonal skills were evident in all areas of the school community as she related to parents, teachers and specialists with ease and joy. She was always there to support teachers, especially in the Junior Primary area of the school, with an extra pair of hands, a well-placed phone call or reassuring children or parents as needed.

Mary-Ann will be remembered by her colleagues as a caring and gentle staff member. She was always willing to lend a listening ear and, on many occasions, showed her great skill as a compassionate and empathetic listener. Mary-Ann was a reliable worker who attended to all tasks promptly and with professionalism.

Mary-Ann'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.

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