

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Lidia O'Kane

**For service to Lutheran education
2003 – 2023**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Lidia O'Kane to Lutheran education for 20 years.

Lidia is commended for her steadfast dedication to Lutheran Education. Throughout her tenure, she has showcased exceptional teaching prowess and provided sincere pastoral care to the students at St. Peters Lutheran College, Indooroopilly.

Lidia's journey commenced in 2003 as a relief teacher in the Middle School, later evolving into the role of Teacher Librarian for Year 8 classes every Friday in the Middle School Library. By 2006, Lidia embraced a full-time teaching position, becoming an integral part of the Primary Years team. Her contributions extended to serving as the Year Level Coordinator of Year 5, where her commitment and outstanding pastoral care left a positive impact on the students and families of the College.

In 2013, with the adoption of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, Lidia played a pivotal role in designing rigorous units of inquiry, cultivating a passion for learning and service among young learners. Her dedication to sharing her faith and values with students made her an exemplary model of a teacher who not only challenges minds but also nurtures hearts and builds futures.

Beyond the classroom, Lidia actively participated in the Cocurricular program at St. Peters, serving as a debating coach and proudly representing Leichhardt House. Her loyalty and diligence throughout her years at the College, coupled with her passionate advocacy for students, consistently demonstrated her unwavering commitment to their wellbeing.

The enduring fondness and esteem held by many ex-students for Lidia, even after their primary school years, stand as a testament to her genuine care and concern for her students. Her selfless service to St. Peters has been invaluable.

Lidia'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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