

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Jacquie Paech

**For service to Lutheran education
1998 – 2023**

The Lutheran Church of Australia gratefully acknowledges the faithful and dedicated service of Jacquie Paech to Lutheran education, spanning an impressive 35 years.

Jacquie's journey in Lutheran education began in 1981 when she assumed the role of Reception to Year 7 teacher of English as a Second Language at Hermannsburg Lutheran School, where she served faithfully for four years. In 1991, Jacquie returned to the Lutheran system, first as a Teacher-Librarian at Tanunda Lutheran School in Terms 2 and 3, and later as an R - 7 Teacher-Librarian at Waikerie Lutheran School from 1994 to 1997.

In 1998, Jacquie embarked on a new chapter at Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School, where her contributions were truly significant. Her roles included serving as a classroom teacher, music coordinator, and leader of the Spiritual Life Team. Under Jacquie's guidance, the school enjoyed outstanding musical concerts, and the Lutheran ethos of the school was strongly underpinned through the guidance and direction offered by Jacquie. She holds a special place in the hearts of many school families, having taught multiple siblings over the years at Golden Grove.

Jacquie's passion for students, learning, and teaching, coupled with her clear, analytical, and strategic thinking, has contributed to the growth of each school she has served. Her commitment to Lutheran faith is evident through regular church attendance, participation in mission trips (including those to Uganda), and the embodiment of Christian values in her daily interactions—a shining example to many.

In the classroom, Jacquie fostered a positive learning climate, establishing strong rapport with both children and their families. Her interpersonal skills, conscientious and empathetic approach, along with her involvement in creating a Christian understanding of education, have been widely appreciated by students, parents, and the broader community.

Jacquie's colleagues also fondly remember her consistent, caring support, freely and generously given. Her true servant heart, demonstrated through genuine concern and empathy for the wellbeing of her peers, leaves a lasting impression.

Jacquie Paech's outstanding and conscientious service to her Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, through her extensive contributions to Lutheran education, is humbly recognised and celebrated through this well-deserved award.

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