

December 2022



LEA SERVICE AWARD

Janelle Parviainen

**For service to Lutheran education
2003 – 2022**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful service of Janelle Parviainen to Lutheran education over a period of 20 years.

Janelle commenced her employment at Trinity Lutheran College on 13 February 2003, serving the College first as an Assistant Teacher, then as a mostly Science and Maths Teacher and Head of Year. She also has strong ties to the community as a parent, with both of her children graduating from the College.

Janelle is a passionate educator and models the attributes of being a 'lifelong learner' to her students and peers. She has been a Leading Teacher for many years and dedicated a significant amount of time toward mentoring younger staff. She held the Head of Year position for six years and supported her team to deliver an excellent Pastoral Care program. Janelle is always willing to engage with new ideas and looks for opportunities to enthusiastically engage students in the classroom and during extra-curricular activities.

Over the years Janelle has been heavily involved with sport and camps at the College. She has organised and run the Year 7 Canberra Trip multiple times and is always an enthusiastic presence on the sporting field and in the staff band during 'Battle of the Bands'.

In the classroom, Janelle has developed a positive learning environment and established a strong rapport with her students. She always treats students fairly and with great respect.

Janelle's faithful conscientious service to the Lutheran Church of Australia, and Lutheran Education specifically, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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