

December 2020

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Catherine Riedel

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1986 – 2020**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Catherine Riedel to Lutheran education spanning a period of 33 years.

Catherine began as a teacher at Nhill Lutheran School in 1986 then worked at Good Shepherd Lutheran College Hamilton, Immanuel College and Immanuel Primary School in Novar Gardens. Catherine then commenced her role as the Concordia Campus teacher librarian and English teacher in February 2003.

Catherine, as a valued member of staff, has been fastidious, diligent and highly skilled in her role as teacher librarian. She has been a pivotal member of the resource centre and supported the ongoing development of students.

Catherine's role as a middle school English teacher was significant. Working closely with the English faculty, Catherine promoted reading for leisure across the year levels. She also supported senior students in their English independent study. Catherine worked closely with students and staff promoting books and encouraging reading by creating positive relationships. She assisted with many classes and individuals in different subject areas, helping them find resources they needed to enhance their studies, Catherine actively promoted the resources available and introduced book reviews to encourage wider reading.

Catherine assisted in the planning of the new resource centre, working with the architects to design the space to be practical yet attractive. Catherine worked with her team to create and maintain a colourful, interesting and welcoming environment always seeking to have images and information that reflected current issues and linked to the curriculum taught.

In addition, her extra-curricular involvement included debating, public speaking, volleyball, soccer and assisting with the college musical.

Catherine's faithful and conscientious service to her Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, through her service in Lutheran schools, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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