

December 2022

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Leslie Scheelings

**For service to Lutheran education
1997 – 2022**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Leslie Scheelings to Lutheran schools for 25 years.

Leslie is to be applauded for her professional service to Lutheran Education; having taught Science across a number of year levels and in different variations since 1997. For 17 of those years she has delivered effective and engaging lessons and pastoral care to the students at St Peters Lutheran College, Indooroopilly.

In 1997 Leslie began her service by teaching junior Science and senior Chemistry. Over the ensuing years Leslie would mentor and guide students in both IB DP senior Chemistry and QCAA senior Chemistry. Her knowledge and commitment to her subject and her students was of the highest standard. Throughout her career Leslie has created high quality learning resources that have assisted the learning of many students. She has always been a wonderful team member of the Science Department as evidenced by her willingness to share her knowledge, resources and experience with all members of the department.

Leslie also contributed to the wider school program through her commitment to House activities. Through Leslie's role of Leichhardt House patron for eight years, she mentored many young people. Her ability to transfer these wonderful relationships into the classroom and ultimately into learning experiences for her students was testament to her professionalism and passion for developing young people who strive to do their best.

Leslie has been a loyal, diligent worker across decades of the life of the College; many staff have been helped by her incredible knowledge and her ability to 'problem-solve' quickly as needed. She is able to quickly analyse a situation and present logical and meaningful solutions to issues. Leslie is a passionate advocate for Chemistry and always had the best-interests of her students, both within and outside the classroom, at heart. The fondness and esteem that many ex-students continue to hold for her after their graduation from the College, is a clear testimony to her care and concern for her students, and the connections she has made with them.

Leslie's faithful and conscientious service to our 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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