

December 2021

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Patricia Wild

**For service to Lutheran education
1998 – 2021**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Patricia (Trish) Wild to Lutheran education for 23 years.

Trish completed her Diploma of Teaching at Riverina College of Advanced Education Wagga Wagga in 1980, majoring in Physical Education, before taking up a position at Holy Trinity College, Inverell teaching Year 3 to Year 10 specializing in Physical Education, Science and Education in Faith from 1982-1984.

Trish relocated to the local Albury/Wodonga area and joined Victory Lutheran Primary School on 27th April 1998 as an Integration Aide before receiving her Certificate of Registration as a Teacher in Victorian Non-Government Schools on 26th of April 1999.

The year Trish commenced with 'Victory Lutheran Primary School' enrolments reached 155 students and 17 staff. This year saw the milestone in growth for the College seeing separate, individual classes in each year level.

Trish's ability to communicate ensured that parents and carers, staff and students all clearly understood the Christian nature of Lutheran education. Trish's commitment to her Christian faith and her ability to show this through her decision making and daily relationships has been a shining example to many people. In 2012, Trish was accredited as a Christian Studies Teacher in Lutheran Schools.

Trish's real passion was literacy and for many years, she was the Primary School's Literacy Coordinator. As a dedicated teacher, Trish worked tirelessly to ensure that each young student in her care was empowered with the gifts of reading, writing, speaking and listening. She supported numerous students in the College's Reading Recovery program, lifting them up and growing their confidence in their own reading.

Trish's passion for literacy spilled over to the library and she was appointed the College's Teacher Librarian in 2010 where she cultivated one of the best stocked libraries in the region. She provided amazing learning opportunities for the Primary classes throughout her time at Victory from her early days right through until early in 2021 when she retired.

Throughout her service to the Victory community, Trish provided support in several leadership roles, including Literacy Coordinator, Middle School Coordinator and Acting Head of Secondary, drawing on her experience and knowledge in educational settings.

Trish will be remembered by her colleagues for her care and support through the highs and lows of life. She was willing to take time out of her day and connect with her colleagues, lending an ear and a supporting word as needed.

Trish's faithful and conscientious 25 years of service to Victory Lutheran Primary School, now as Victory Lutheran College, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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