

December 2022

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Judith Niebling

**For service to Lutheran education
1989 – 2022**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Judith Niebling to Lutheran education for 30 years.

Judith officially commenced as an employee of Grace College on 1 January 1989. Technically, the length of Judith's employment has been 30 years, which has accrued in amongst time off to be a mum. However, Judith's service to Grace through contracts and other engagements has been more in the vicinity of 34 years.

Judith Niebling taught extensively across the Science and Maths Departments being a specialist in Multi-strand Science. Her contributions to Junior Science or Middle Years Science is a standout aspect of Judith's service to Grace as a teacher.

The Collegial respect for Judith is seen in the fact that she was offered and took on many more responsibilities than classroom teaching. Across her three decades at Grace College, Judith also served in Curriculum, Pastoral Care and Administration roles. She held the roles of Deputy Head of Science, Acting Head of Science, Year 12 Coordinator and Acting Head of Senior School.

Judith will also be remembered for her excellent contributions to camps, retreats and her compilation of the Yearbook. In these activities many of her peers remember her flare for innovative developments. A physical legacy that Judith leaves here at Grace are the thousands of photographs which she took of countless activities and events, she is a truly gifted photographer and undertook this often-demanding task voluntarily.

Many people who have passed through Grace will remember Judith because of her passion for quality teaching and learning and her genuine care for students, especially those who found school challenging in one way or another. Many students and parents will remember Judith as a teacher who went the extra distance to help struggling students. She took great delight in seeing students grow academically and personally through their Grace Journey.

Judith has been a very loyal servant of Grace Lutheran College; she has displayed amazing commitment and will be well remembered.

Judith'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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