



Loreto Normanhurst

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LORETO NORMANHURST RECOGNISED AS EMPLOYER OF CHOICE

Loreto Normanhurst has been recognised as an Employer of Choice for Women for the seventh year running since the Awards began.

Established in 1897 Loreto Normanhurst is part of the international network of Loreto schools. Loreto's heritage dates back to 1609 when Mary Ward founded the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She spent her life establishing educational organisations for women with the belief that 'women in time to come will do much.'

"As a school Loreto Normanhurst has a long and proud tradition of nurturing women and 'women in training'. We believe strongly in the capacity of women to contribute significantly to society and we see that not only in our graduates but also in the leadership qualities and involvement in community exhibited by our current students," said Dr Leoni Degenhardt, Principal.

"As an employer we apply the same principles to ensure that we attract and retain the very best teachers and staff. We value relationships as central to our 'core business' of educating for life so we place great importance on consulting with our staff".

Mrs Joanne Hallinan has been employed by Loreto Normanhurst since 1995. She began her employment with the school as a full-time teacher and has since re-trained to become one of the school's part-time Careers' Advisors.

"I feel supported and encouraged in my role within the school", said Mrs Hallinan. "With a young family, being able to work part time enables me to achieve a good work/life balance."

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Note to editors

The Employer of Choice citation is from the Federal Government's Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency. It is awarded to those organisations that have demonstrated policies and practices that support women across the organisation and have had a positive outcome for both women and the business. For more information visit: www.eowa.gov.au and www.loretonh.new.edu.au

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