

November 2017

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Rob Rohde

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1993 – 2017**

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

Rob commenced his service in Lutheran schools in 1993 as a teacher of Chemistry and Science teacher at Cornerstone College, Mount Barker. Between 1995 and 1998, Rob assumed roles of Year 12 Coordinator, Science Coordinator and Careers Counsellor. In 1999, Rob moved to Unity College, Murray Bridge, as the first Head of Senior School. In 2003, Rob returned to Cornerstone College to undertake the role of Deputy Principal; a role he has served in to the end of 2017.

As a classroom teacher, Rob had a gift of finding the best in his students that allowed them to flourish. He enabled his students to question, take appropriate risks, think critically and be creative. Rob developed strong relationships with his students, understanding and responding to the vast array of their needs and capabilities.

In his role as Deputy Principal, Rob has had a strong focus on the professional learning and development of staff, recognising that outstanding learning is strongly supported by quality staff. Professional learning is highly valued at Cornerstone by senior staff and teachers because of Rob's efforts to develop a culture of a learning community. Rob also had strong interest in the development of new and pre-service teachers, and the connections to other learning communities to enhance outcomes for staff and students.

Rob has been an astute, passionate and dedicated leader across many areas of education. He actively sought to develop and extend professional learning networks to enhance his learning and leadership. He contributed to a range of educational bodies, helped organise conferences and led workshops. He demonstrated to others the need and love of learning for personal growth and student learning.

Rob has been acutely aware that great schools require leaders with wisdom, empathy and courage. He has been respected by staff and students for the interest he showed in them and his desire to invest into their lives. Rob epitomised true servant leadership and showed genuine interest and concern for the welfare of staff and students alike. Rob also shared his faith in a warm, genuine and engaging manner.

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

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