

June 2017

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Margot Wheaton

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1980 – 2017**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Margot Wheaton to Lutheran education for 27 years.

Margot commenced her service in Lutheran schools when she joined the staff at St Paul's Lutheran Primary School, Henty NSW in 1980. In 1982 she moved to take up a position at Holy Trinity Lutheran School (now known as Trinity Lutheran College) in Mildura Vic. From 1986 to 1997 Margot held various positions in Lutheran schools, serving for a time in Alice Springs, Mount Barker, Lobethal and Hahndorf before returning to Mildura in 1998. From that time, she served continuously at Trinity until her retirement in 2017.

Margot has been a very dedicated teacher, strongly committed to the mission and ministry of the school. Over her lengthy service at Trinity Lutheran College, Margot has had a significant impact on the lives of many students, parents and colleagues with whom she has come into contact. It is wonderful to see a number of her past students return to the school as parents and as teachers.

Margot has been a tremendous contributor to the life of the school. She has taught at a number of year levels across the primary school.

Margot has always had a passion for the school worship program. She held the position of Christian Studies Coordinator for many years and willingly contributed her energy and creative talents to the planning and development of an engaging and relevant school worship life. She has been active in the development and review of the Christian Studies Curriculum, and serves as a great resource to her colleagues in this curriculum area.

Margot's contribution to Trinity Lutheran College goes far beyond the classroom. She loves to recognise and celebrate key occasions and events in the life of her colleagues. She has been a wonderful contributor to the fostering of a caring staff culture, a builder of staff morale, and a valuable and respected member of staff.

Margot is an active member of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church community, attending many college and foundation events. Her loyalty, service and commitment to the college and its ethos has been greatly valued and appreciated.

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

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