

December 2018

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Paul Adler

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1988 – 2018**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Paul Adler to Lutheran schools for 31 years.

Paul commenced his service in Lutheran schools at St Michael's Lutheran School, Hahndorf SA, in 1988. He served at St Michael's for four years both as the Year 6/7 teacher as well as the Deputy Principal. As a willing contributor to, and organiser of, initiatives, both his students and St Michael's benefitted from his leadership and example.

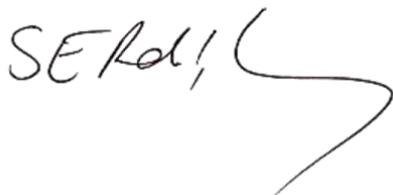
It was no surprise that Paul soon took up the higher leadership position as Principal, moving to Maitland Lutheran School in 1992 where he spent six years. At Maitland, Paul soon established himself as a fine educator, effective administrator and a person with a strong sense of empathy. His care for his students and passion for their learning ensured his relationships with students, parents, staff and the wider community built and effective learning community.

In 1998 Paul moved to Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Angaston SA, as Principal. In his nine years at Angaston, staff and parents appreciated his approachability. His positive leadership skills enabled all staff, particularly graduate teachers, to grow in professional confidence.

Since 2007 Paul has served diligently at St Jakobi Lutheran School, Lyndoch SA, as the Year 6/7 teacher and as Deputy Principal. These past twelve years of service have continued to be characterised by Paul's positive outlook, bright attitude and his servant heart. He leads and serves with a focus on his students and the learning community, and has had a significant positive influence on many young lives as well as a considerable number of older lives.

Paul's strong grounding in his own personal health and fitness has been a fine example wherever he has served. His personal faith has also shone through in each class and school in which he has taught and served. Paul's rapport with staff, students and parents has been appreciated as have his positive interpersonal skills. He will be remembered by his colleagues for his caring support and good counsel whenever needed. His contributions to Lutheran education throughout his many years of service have been greatly valued.

Paul's faithful service to his Lord and 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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