

December 2018

**LEA SERVICE AWARD**

*Graeme Fielke*

**For services to Lutheran schooling  
1999 – 2018**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Graeme Fielke to Lutheran education for 20 years.

Graeme commenced his service in Lutheran schools in 1999 when he joined the community of Tatachilla Lutheran College, McLaren Vale SA. Graeme worked with enthusiasm in the Health and Physical Education Faculty of the college. He also held various sports coordinator positions and worked for the past seven years as a Property Services Officer, maintaining the college grounds and sports fields. He served continuously at the college until his retirement in 2018.

Although skilled in many subject areas, Graeme has always demonstrated first and foremost a passion for teaching, particularly in the Health and Physical Education Faculty. His lasting impact comes from his interactions with students in classes as well as his discussions with students in the yard. He is interested in people and wants to know them on a human level, demonstrating genuine interest and care in all they are and hope to be.

Graeme has shown great commitment and dedication to his roles as the college, often dedicating time to school camps, extra-curricular activities and community functions. He is diligent and precise in his work, whether that be teaching or grounds work.

Importantly the Tatachilla community has come to witness Graeme's unending support for his colleagues, his willingness to encourage and grow them as unique individuals and professionals. He has an immense capacity to serve and has not hesitated to contribute to any college event, or to offer assistance to staff and students whenever needed.

As a servant of Christ, Graeme has a deep understanding of the college mission and this is exhibited in his interactions with students, colleagues and parents. He leads by example and demonstrates great hope and joy for each individual child. His tireless and committed service has been greatly valued and appreciated.

Graeme's faithful service to the Lutheran Church of Australia, through his service at Tatachilla Lutheran College, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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