

November 2018

**LEA SERVICE AWARD**

*Graeme Handreck*

**For services to Lutheran schooling  
1979 – 2018**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Graeme Handreck to Lutheran schools for 40 years.

Graeme commenced his service in Lutheran schools in 1979 when he was appointed to the staff of Horsham Lutheran Primary School in Victoria as a classroom teacher. He also served for three years as Deputy Head. In 1984 he moved to Good Shepherd College, Hamilton Vic, where he served until commencing at Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Noosa Qld, in 1995. Graeme taught Geography, Christian Knowledge, History, Agricultural Science, Social Education and Computing. He also served as a sports coordinator, dark room coordinator and Careers Advisor.

One of Graeme's defining characteristics is his love of Christ and his commitment to working in a Christian school. In particular, Graeme has had a strong interest in overseas missions, having travelled to Africa during his long service leave with his wife with the Australian Lutheran World Service team. He also helped to organise, and accompanied students on, a mission trip to Vanuatu in 2005 highlighting his desire to instill in young people a sense of care and compassion for those who are in need.

Graeme has assisted many students in his role as Careers Counsellor, especially those who have taken the Vocational Education pathway. His persistent and determined approach to find places for students seeking School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships has been invaluable. Graeme has also worked tirelessly with organising the school's Work Experience Program, as well as guided countless numbers of students and parents through his work with conducting SET interviews and helping to prepare Year 12 students for QTAC and scholarship applications.

Graeme will be remembered by his colleagues for his Christian values, his love of the outdoors and for always being a welcoming face to newcomers. His 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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