

December 2018

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Ian Lange

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1986 – 2018**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Ian Lange to Lutheran schools for 33 years.

Ian commenced his service to Lutheran schools in 1986 at St Michael's Lutheran School, Hahndorf SA, where he served for five years as the Year 5 teacher and also Sports Coordinator. In 1991 Ian moved to Holy Trinity Lutheran College in Mildura Vic, where he fulfilled various roles including Middle School teacher, Sports Coordinator and Deputy Principal. After seven years Ian took up various roles and challenges at St Jakobi Lutheran School, Lyndoch SA, where since 1998 and for the past 21 years he has served as Upper Primary teacher, ICT Coordinator, Sports Coordinator, Science Coordinator, Acting Principal and Deputy Principal.

It was clearly evident from the outset that Ian's love for his Lord, his dedication to the schools in which he served and especially to his students, shone through in everything he did. His example of Christian leadership and service has been a hallmark of Ian's service throughout his career in Lutheran education.

Ian's professional commitment and skills were only surpassed by his steadfast and shining Christian faith. These qualities have underpinned his teaching and professional relationships with students, staff and parents. Ian's many skills and positive willingness to take up many roles is acknowledged and deeply appreciated. His community mindedness was evident in his interactions with various boards and events, including the Barossa Airshow.

Ian's quiet and respectful nature has endeared him to many of his colleagues. His support for younger teachers, particularly with their professional learning and development, has also been invaluable. Ian epitomised servant leadership and showed genuine interest and concern for the welfare of all in the school communities where he served.

Ian'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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