

November 2018

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Anthony Mueller

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1981 – 2017**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Anthony Mueller to Lutheran schools for 37 years.

Anthony commenced his service in Lutheran schools in 1981 when he was appointed as a teacher at Immanuel Lutheran Primary School, Novar Gardens SA. In 1986 Anthony took up his first leadership role as Principal of St John's Lutheran School, Eudunda SA. After four years he was appointed as Principal of St Martins Lutheran School, Mount Gambier SA. While St Martins was a new and growing primary school in the 1990s, today it is an R-12 college with over 670 students enrolled. Anthony's leadership and contributions in these early formative years were instrumental in the school's ongoing positive growth, success and reputation.

During 1996 Anthony moved to Queensland to take up the role of Head of Middle School at Immanuel Lutheran College, Maroochydore. This career adjustment into secondary education was a key step in Anthony's professional growth and understanding, and prepared him for future responsibilities at Faith Lutheran College, Redlands, where he began as Principal in 2002. Faith presented unique challenges in its growth and Anthony's leadership was successful not just due to his own resourcefulness and resilience, but also a result of the appointment of a strong leadership team. Anthony and his team worked closely together and the positive impact on Faith's maturity and confidence was considerable.

During 2017 Anthony spent twelve months as Acting Principal at Peace Lutheran College, Cairns.

Anthony served in various roles within the wider Lutheran education community. He was a member of the Board for Lutheran Education Australia from 2009 to 2015, serving several years as Vice Chairman. He also served on the Lutheran Education Queensland Council for eleven years, more than five as the Council Chair.

Anthony will be remembered for his extensive knowledge Lutheran education in Australia; from the classroom to the principal's office and boardroom. He has provided inspirational leadership, has mentored numerous other leaders and exhibited a strong resilience in being a successful and highly regarded Lutheran school principal for 27 years – a wonderful career and life time achievement.

Anthony's ability to listen intently and be considerate of other people's perspectives has been greatly admired by all who have worked with him. His sense of humour, concern for, and encouragement of, others and his open Christian faith have been seen and admired by his peers and the communities in which he has served.

Anthony's faithful and conscientious service to his Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, throughout his service in Lutheran schools, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this award.

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