

November 2018

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Colin Stiller

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1998 – 2018**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Colin Stiller to Lutheran education over a period of twenty years.

Colin Stiller commenced his employment at Redeemer Lutheran College, Rochedale Qld, as a casual relief teacher in September 1998. From September 1999, he continued as a contract part-time teacher of Mathematics and Christian Studies which became a permanent part-time position from 2000 to Term 2 2001 and then a permanent full-time position specialising primarily in Christian Studies from Term 3 2001 onwards. In 2002, he undertook the role of Year 10 Coordinator and then Year 11 Coordinator from 2003 to 2005. In Semester 2 2005, he was called upon to take up the role of part-time lay chaplain which has been a permanent position from 2006 until his retirement. While undertaking his role as a part-time lay chaplain, he was also engaged as a Curriculum Leader Christian Studies (6-12) during Terms 1 and 2 of 2009. He then continued in this position of responsibility from 2010 to 2013. From 2014 onwards, there was a change in the year levels for which he was responsible, Years 7-12, but he has been the Curriculum Leader for Christian Studies until his retirement at the end of 2018.

Col is a very experienced, highly competent and respected teacher and curriculum leader with a strong commitment to teaching and is genuinely concerned for his students' welfare and progress. He has established many positive and fruitful relationships with his students and their families and has always been willing to provide additional tutorials and assistance to students. He has shown dedication and competence in all areas of his work and has been a reliable, hard working person. Col's honesty and enthusiasm for his tasks as well as his sincere Christian faith have resonated well with his colleagues. He has shared his deep faith daily with students and colleagues. He has always been willing to take time out to discuss any issues of concern with staff or students.

Col has been an active participant in the co-curricular life of the college. Whilst his first love has been in Rugby both as a coach and coordinator for many years, he has also served as a coach for Volleyball and was involved in numerous musicals in set construction and as a stage manager. Col has also been deeply involved in the provision of service activities for which the college has become renown. He has been a teacher supervisor and coordinator for numerous ALWS Cambodia Service Tours and led the formation of a joint ministry with 'Helping Hands' in conjunction with Our Saviour congregation and Redeemer Lutheran College. Col was also involved in the Christian Fellowship group and initiated the very first Dawn Service to commemorate ANZAC Day. This is now a tradition at Redeemer.

Col's faithful and conscientious service to his Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, through his service in Lutheran education, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award

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