LEA SERVICE AWARD

ANN MITCHELL

For services to Lutheran schooling
1989 - 2014

CITATION

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Ann Mitchell to Lutheran schools for more than 25 years.

Ann commenced her service in Lutheran schools in 1989 when she was appointed as Special Needs teacher at Trinity Lutheran Primary School, Southport Queensland. After two years in a part time position, her role became full time in 1992, and in 1993 she moved into a leadership role as Deputy Principal of the primary school. From mid 2002, following the amalgamation of Trinity Lutheran College and Trinity Lutheran Primary School, Ann moved into a higher level of leadership when she was appointed as Head of College for the combined college.

Ann’s clear, analytical and strategic thinking, as well as her courage and determination, saw a new Trinity (P-12) Lutheran College further develop into a cohesive and strong educational institution. Her ability to communicate to the Trinity community throughout her leadership has ensured parents, staff and students all clearly understand the Christian nature of the college. Ann’s own commitment to her Christian faith and her ability to show this through her decision making and daily relationships has been a shining example to many people. Thank you, and God bless you for this, Ann.

Ann’s service to Lutheran education broadened in the 2000 following her election at General Synod as a member of the Board for Lutheran Schools, now known as the Board of Directors, Lutheran Education Australia Ltd. In October 2001 Ann was elected as Chairman of the Board and served continuously in that capacity until February 2014.

Ann has been the first female Chair of BLEA and in her role as Trinity Head of College, she has been one of the early female Lutheran P-12 Principals in the history of Lutheran schools. Her courageous and honest leadership has enabled her to take on many challenges; she has led Lutheran education and in doing so, has been a shining example to future leaders. Thank you, Ann. God has blessed Trinity and Lutheran education through you. May he continue to bless you in the years ahead.

Ann’s faithful and conscientious service to her Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, through her service in Lutheran schools, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

Stephen Rudolph
Executive Director
Lutheran Education Australia