

November 2019

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Val Handreck

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1980 - 2019**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Val Handreck to Lutheran education for more than 20 years.

Before moving to Queensland, Val served at Horsham Lutheran Primary School (1980 – 1983) and Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Hamilton (1994). Following several years fulfilling a variety of shorter term contract positions at Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Val became a permanent teacher in 2003 and has served as classroom teacher of various year levels until her retirement at the end of 2019.

During her time at Good Shepherd, Val has proven herself a consistently strong and dedicated teacher. Her classroom is a busy learning environment, lessons have always been carefully planned, and children have always been well supported both emotionally and educationally. Val has an innovative approach to curriculum design and has a wide knowledge and appreciation of a variety of primary curricula. She has implemented a number of intervention programmes and she engages with all students positively and creates a stimulating learning environment in which they can work. Val has demonstrated an acute cultural awareness and sensitivity with all our stakeholders. She has a strong desire to ensure equality of educational opportunity for all students.

Val has always been an active member of the school community. She has supported a number of after school events and gives generously of her time. Val is passionate about the environment and has instigated recycle programmes within the school as well as led and encouraged a number of children to actively participate in the 'Kids in Action' program, freely giving of her own time and holidays to do so. On many occasions Val has liaised with the Good Shepherd Lutheran Congregation on joint college and congregation activities. She regularly shares her expertise as a teacher and her faith with the children of the congregation in the children's message.

Val is hardworking, knowledgeable, versatile and a welcoming and supportive colleague. Val has served her Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia faithfully through her work in Lutheran schools and is humbly recognised through this Award.

**Assoc Prof Lisa Schmidt
Executive Director
Lutheran Education Australia**

ACN 143 905 373

197 Archer Street
North Adelaide SA 5006
T 618 8267 7318
F 618 8267 7320
E lea@lutheran.edu.au
www.lutheran.edu.au