

December 2019

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Neil Lambert

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1999 – 2019**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Neil Lambert to Lutheran education over a period of 21 years.

Neil began at Faith Lutheran College in 1999, as an English and History teacher. In the 21 years since that time, he has continued in the Humanities field, but has branched out to serve in many and varied roles at the college. These roles have included teaching LIFE or Christian Studies, Career Education, the Personal Learning Plan, Geography, English Coordinator, supervising and organising camps, Year 10 Coordinator, PE and Fitness. Neil has served faithfully on numerous staff committees, has also led several chapel devotions and coached various sports teams.

Amidst this wide range of curricular and extracurricular commitments, one feature of Neil's teaching style stands out: his boundless energy, infectious enthusiasm and fun-filled attitude to learning and life. Because of this, Neil has been universally loved and appreciated by his students and admired by fellow staff and school leaders. Neil has been a hard worker. He never took shortcuts with the heavy load of marking. He has been generous with his time for both students and staff and has made the best of difficult situations, instilling this positivity in his students. Neil is a fine person and a true Christian, he openly and honestly shared his Christian faith, and is much loved by staff and students.

Another aspect of his relationship with students has also been apparent: his absolute care and concern for every one of his students and empathy for them in their differing situations. This was especially apparent in the way he handled the role of Year Level Coordinator for Year 10s. Neil's behaviour management has been marked by fairness and a sense of justice. He ran a tight ship in the classroom, but always allowed room for fun and frivolity to keep students engaged.

Neil liberally shared many of his special talents. One of these was his musical ability. His fine piano playing was used frequently in devotions, as was his singing ability and his skill in harmonising. Few people would be aware that he travelled as far afield as Salisbury, to sing for many years in the Faith barbershop quartet to support Faith's church and community involvement.

Neil's faithful, humble 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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