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LEA SERVICE AWARD

Chris Otto

For services to Lutheran schooling
1995 – 2019

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Chris Otto to Lutheran schools for 25 years.

Chris commenced her work at Luther College as the Principal's Secretary, serving first Graham Ottens, then Stephen Rudolph and Adrian Wiles. The three leaders had different strengths and approaches to their role and Chris' support of them called for insight, adaptability and initiative. She achieved this effortlessly, complementing their styles and filling the gaps as necessary. It was a role that contributed to the smooth operation of the college especially during decades of exceptional growth.

When Chris was ready to reduce her time fraction in 2006, she took responsibility for managing the school's suite of policies and coordinating external communications. Chris bought her attention-to-detail expertise to both portfolios and in so doing played an important role in protecting and growing Luther's reputation.

Chris' commitment to elevating, streamlining and quality assuring Luther's publications was a gift to the college. Chris told the Luther College story in her position overseeing the production of regular newsletters, mail outs, the LutherLetter and other publications,

Chris' next role was as the college's inaugural Archivist. Chris established the Friends of Archives group whose collective involvement at Luther covers almost the entire history of the college. This extraordinary contribution represents an enduring legacy.

Chris's faithful and dedicated service to Lutheran education, through her service in Lutheran education, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

Assoc Prof Lisa Schmidt
Executive Director
Lutheran Education Australia

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