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LEA SERVICE AWARD

Mark Gallagher

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1997 – 2018**

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

Mark commenced his service in Lutheran education in 1997 when he joined the staff at Trinity Lutheran College, Ashmore Queensland. He served continuously at Trinity until his retirement in 2018.

During his time at Trinity, Mark demonstrated dedication, diligence and reliability. He spent several years serving as the Head of Learning Support. He also looked for opportunities to serve students through the Student Representatives' Council and the World Vision 40 Hour Famine.

Even before Trinity articulated the *Head, Heart and Hand* metaphor in its strategic plan, Mark's heart as a teacher was always strongly anchored in Lutheran education principles and values.

Mark supported his colleagues as well Trinity's students with a Christian servant heart. He sought to meet the needs of others and ensured he was available whenever the need for support arose. He took on a leading role with the Growth Group to support the college in the spiritual formation of staff and also served as the union chapter representative to support the college and staff on industrial related matters.

Mark's faithful, humble and conscientious service to the Lutheran Church of Australia, through his service at Trinity Lutheran College, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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