

December 2022

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Michael Bowmer

**For service to Lutheran education
1983 – 2022**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Michael Bowmer to Lutheran education for 29 years.

Michael commenced his service in Lutheran education in 1983 when he was appointed as a teacher at Hermannsburg Lutheran School. In 1986 he moved to St John's Lutheran School, Bundaberg, and then in 1990 another move to Faith Lutheran College Redlands.

Michael took on his first principal role at Murtoa Lutheran School in 1993 and continued his principal role at St Andrew Lutheran School, Darwin, in 1998. He moved to Waikerie Lutheran School in 2003, and to Yirara College, Alice Springs, in 2013. After several years abroad, he made his way to St John's Lutheran School, Eudunda.

Michael's pursuit of excellence, comprehensive knowledge, leadership and dedication of time saw each school develop into a strong educational institution. His ability to communicate with parents, staff and students ensured a clear understanding of the Christian nature of Lutheran education. Michael's own commitment to his Christian faith and his ability to show his faith through his decision making and daily relationships has been a shining example to many people.

Throughout his time at St John's, he has taught in the Year 5/6 class on Thursdays, and for half of 2022 has taken on the role of Year 4 teacher. Michael developed a strong, positive learning environment and established a constructive, caring rapport with his students. His ability to treat students fairly and with justice is to be admired. His interpersonal skills with students, parents and the community are apparent every day.

Michael will be remembered by his colleagues for his sense of humour, support and mentoring ability. He was willing to take time out to discuss any issues of concern with staff whenever needed.

Michael's faithful 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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