

December 2022

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Rodney Carson

**For service to Lutheran education
2002 – 2022**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Rodney Carson to Lutheran education for 20 years.

Commencing in Lutheran education in January 2002, Rod was appointed as a Middle School teacher at Living Waters Lutheran College, Warnbro. He has been an exemplary teacher in both middle and primary school during his tenure at the College, modelling best practice and uplifting his students and colleagues each day.

Rod has been a wonderful example to our staff of what a teacher should be. He has personified quiet dignity and self-assurance. His classroom has always been warm and welcoming, and he has been much loved by the parents whose students he taught. Rod was instrumental in helping to establish a beginning school, helping to grow it as a presence in the area. He has also been an attentive mentor, assisting many teachers to develop their teaching practice and confidence.

Rod is a natural leader who served extensively as Head of Learning Area and Year Level Coordinator over his tenure. Rod was appointed as Deputy Principal in 2006 leaving the position and the College briefly at the end of 2008 to pursue other challenges.

Rod has shown steadfast commitment to the values and ethos of Lutheran Education, nurturing positive relationships with others and modelling true servant leadership. He will be warmly remembered by his colleagues for his sense of humour, kindness, and unfailing support.

Rod's faithful conscientious service to the Lutheran Church of Australia, and Lutheran Education specifically, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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