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LEA SERVICE AWARD

Trevor Kloeden

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1971 – 2017**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Trevor Kloeden to Lutheran schools for 47 years.

Trevor commenced his service in Lutheran schools in 1971 when he was appointed as a teacher at St John's Lutheran School, Highgate SA.   After three years he moved to Loxton Lutheran School for three years and then onto Lobethal Lutheran School where he served for five years. In 1982 he took up the leadership role as Principal at Tabor Lutheran School and then moved to Hobart where he was Principal of St Peter's Lutheran School (now known as Eastside Lutheran College) from 1987 until 1991. In 1992 he moved his family to Gatton when he was appointed as a teacher at Peace Lutheran Primary School. Then in 1996 he moved to the Gold Coast and took up his teaching role at Trinity Lutheran Primary School, Southport (now known as Trinity Lutheran College). In 2001 Trevor moved to Bethania Lutheran School and there he completed his teaching career, giving seventeen years of dedicated service.

Trevor has influenced both students and fellow teachers in a truly unique way. His legacy is a generation of lifelong learners. Not only has Trevor inspired students to become future teachers themselves, he has also continually mentored and supported the teaching community around him through the positive relationships he has fostered. In the classroom, he established a strong rapport with his students through his witty sense of humour.

Trevor has constantly embraced new technologies over his outstanding career. He has created engaging learning experiences for his students by implementing the use of iPads and new innovative teaching methods, such as Makerspaces and Agile Learning Environments. Trevor has shown adaptability and flexibility in his teaching pedagogy, which fostered a challenging learning environment and encouraged students to set high standards for themselves.

Trevor's dedication to upholding the Lutheran ethos and values has shown his faithfulness as a follower of Christ. He has been a positive Christian role model for staff and has openly shared his deep theological knowledge. Leading chapel and devotions has allowed him to encourage and motivate others to grow in their Christian faith as well as share personal testimonies. His values underpin every interaction with staff, students and the school community. Trevor listened and empathised with his colleagues and was always willing to discuss any issue of concern.

Trevor will be remembered as a genuine, humble and highly skilled teacher, whose passion has shone into the lives and hearts of many. His faithful and conscientious service to his Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, throughout his service in Lutheran schools, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this award.

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