

December 2020

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Astrid Neldner

**For services to Lutheran schooling
1982 – 2020**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Astrid Neldner to Lutheran education.

Astrid has been a central figure in the Good News Lutheran School story since commencing in 1985, especially for her strong Christian commitment and professional approach to education.

Astrid has always modelled a Christ-centred life and sought to provide the best for her students.

Astrid has served as our Christian Studies and worship coordinator for many years. She has been an active member of the LEQ service learning committee, served on the pastoral care team and helped to maintain positive connections with the local congregation. At all times she has focused on ensuring students and families experienced a rich Christian environment.

As an educator, Astrid has continually sought to refine and enhance her skills for the betterment of her students, as well as contributed to a variety of staff curriculum groups.

She has always acted with care, compassion and fairness towards her students, and often assisted students with high needs or challenges to ensure they experienced success. Many former students and families remember her with great fondness, and she will be greatly missed by her colleagues.

The Good News community has appreciated Astrid's contribution and wishes her every blessing and success for the chapter ahead.

Astrid's faithful and conscientious service to the Lutheran Church of Australia, through her service in Lutheran schools, has been excellent and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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