

April 2022



LEA SERVICE AWARD

Darren Cossens

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

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

Darren is the longest serving leadership team member in the history of Endeavour College. With 20 years of service in a College that is just 24 years old, Darren has a deep love for the College, its beginnings, and what it stands for.

As a member of the College Board, Executive and Management, Darren has been instrumental in shaping the College's future, through strategic planning, enacting agreed developments and cultivating significant growth in both student and staff numbers throughout his time at the College.

Darren has a strong heart for our community, with a high level of integrity and honesty and a significant gift for financial management. His strategic leadership has ensured that the College has been in a position to be able to provide facilities that best serve our students and much of his time has been spent either building or planning to build in order to further enhance our facilities and educational environment. He is an expert at thinking through and considering all the potential outcomes his decisions will have on the College, students and staff, and has been the voice of reason on countless proposals and situations.

Darren cares deeply for staff, students and families, and his heart is always aligned with the very best outcomes for our students. He has worked hard to ensure that many vulnerable students within our community have had the opportunity and privilege to be educated at Endeavour College. He is humble, self-effacing, measured, generous, a man of great faith and a true gentleman. Darren's sense of humour and sardonic wit have been a blessing to all that he has worked with throughout his time at Endeavour College.

Darren'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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