

December 2021

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Bernard Dana

**For service to Lutheran education
1994 - 2020**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Bernard Dana to Lutheran schools for 27 years.

An accomplished musician and educator, Bernard has devoted his professional life to sharing his passion for music with students. Since 1994 Bernard has attended Luther College several days each week to tutor students in voice and piano. He has brought his wealth of knowledge, musicianship and ever-growing performance record to his work. Bernard has modelled the wide-ranging opportunities available to students and has encouraged and nurtured students to perform in musicals, house performing arts festivals, chapel and numerous vocal groups.

Bernard's love for music – its ability to move people, to transcend language, culture and time, to unite players and inspire audiences – has been well received. Bernard's students have enjoyed performing, whether at college events or on stages further afield. Many of Bernard's students have gone on to be accomplished performers in professional productions in Australia and abroad. It has been lovely to see Bernard celebrate with and continue to support his students long after they depart the college.

Bernard has always been very generous with his time and donations to people in need, a demonstration of his Christian values. He has donated money raised from concerts to Finke River Mission and other organisations. He also gifted the college a lovely grand piano for the students and staff to use.

We are grateful for Bernard's faithful service to the Luther College community. In fostering the gift of music he has inspired and equipped students with a lifelong skill to enjoy and share.

Bernard's faithful and conscientious service to 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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