

October 2021

**LEA SERVICE AWARD**

*Robert Donaldson*  
**For service to Lutheran education  
1997 – 2021**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Robert Donaldson to Lutheran education for 24 ½ years.

Rob commenced his service in Lutheran education in 1997 when he was appointed as a teacher and taught HASS, Physical Education, English and Christian Studies at Unity College and has continued to teach in those as well as other subjects until 2021. In addition to teaching, Rob has served in leadership positions including Subject Coordinator, Year Level Coordinator, Head of Middle School, Acting Principal and Head of Staff.

Rob's passion for his students and subjects was evident throughout his time at Unity. His involvement in the Teammates program, which was run in conjunction with Monarto Safari Park and involved our Middle School Students was inspirational.

He was heavily involved in extra-curricular sports, particularly cricket and football, sharing his passion and expertise for these and other sports through his local and state level experience. He was the inaugural cricket coach for our Specialist Sport program.

He is regarded as a committed and dedicated teacher and will be remembered fondly as a wonderful mentor to students. Rob's faithful heart for service was paramount and his commitment to the Christian ethos of Unity College has been exemplary, not only as a teacher but as he served in leadership roles on various occasions with humility.

In the classroom, Rob purposefully developed a positive learning environment and established a strong rapport with his students. His interpersonal skills with students, parents and the wider community was apparent every day. His natural ability to treat students fairly and with justice is to be admired. When working with students and communicating with parents, Rob was honest, responsible and empathetic.

Rob will be remembered by his colleagues and the entire school community for his faithful dedication to Lutheran education at Unity College. Rob epitomised true servant leadership and showed genuine interest and concern for the welfare of the staff.

Rob's faithful and conscientious service to our Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, through his service in Lutheran education, has been excellent and is humbly recognised through this Award.

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