

December 2022

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Sue Drogemuller

**For service to Lutheran education
1998 – 2022**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Sue Drogemuller to Lutheran Education, spanning a period of 25 years.

Sue commenced her service in Lutheran Schools in 1998 when she took up a position as a Year 1 classroom teacher at St John's Lutheran School, Highgate, and she has continued serving in this community until her retirement.

During the early years at St John's her interest and involvement in leadership roles began to emerge. She was subsequently involved in several important strategic decisions for the school including: the establishment of an Early Learning Centre, in which she was the inaugural Director; moving Year 7 students to the Concordia College Middle School and transitioning into a double stream primary school.

Sue's interest and experience in teaching and learning led to leadership roles in curriculum and also playing a key role in the school's decision to become an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program school.

Sue moved into a full time Deputy Principal role in 2011, which she held until her retirement at the end of 2022.

In the later years of her service Sue was involved in the amalgamation of Concordia College and St John's Lutheran Primary School and the move to a triple stream campus.

Throughout the ongoing cycle of growth and change at Concordia College, Sue has been flexible and positive in her attitude and always worked in the best interests of the community. This gift has been a wonderful blessing to Concordia.

Sue's ability to communicate honestly and compassionately has helped ensure parents, staff and students all clearly understood the purpose and ethos of the community and also of Lutheran education.

She has always sought the best for students, embracing a positive approach towards them, while also walking alongside staff and parents to support their growth, wellbeing and learning.

Sue has actively involved herself in the work of the wider Lutheran Education system, in particular with her involvement in the LESNW Deputy Principal's network for many years.

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

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