

April 2019

**LEA SERVICE AWARD**

*Eric Wilson*

**For services to Lutheran schooling  
1977 – 2019**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed Eric Wilson to Lutheran education over a period of almost 43 years.

Eric commenced his service in Lutheran schools in 1977 when he was appointed to a position as Resident in the Boys Boarding House at St Peters Lutheran College, Indooroopilly Qld. Over the following 31 years he served the St Peters community in a variety of roles before commencing a secondment to the Lutheran Education Queensland Secretariat in 2008. He served all 26 Lutheran schools in Queensland until his retirement in 2019 as the Risk Services Manager.

Eric's critical and analytical thinking, along with his heart to serve others, has made him an asset to the system. He particularly showed these thinking skills in roles at St Peters focused on Personnel and Safety Services and at Lutheran Education Queensland in the area of risk and knowledge management.

His commitment to the care and support of students was evident in the various roles Eric served in at St Peters within Boarding. As Head of Boarding in the early 1990s, Eric led significant change to the policies and processes that supported a safe and effective living and learning environment for the many students whose parents had entrusted the school, and Eric, to care for them.

Eric's knowledge and experience in the area of risk in particular has seen him invited to present at conferences across Australia. This is indicative of the respect he had built within the Workplace Health and Safety community within education over the years.

Eric will be remembered by those he worked with, and worked for, as a humble yet determined man with a desire to make those he came in contact with better for the experience of having met and interacted with him. He epitomised true servant leadership and showed genuine interest and concern for the welfare of colleagues across all roles and the students of St Peters.

Eric's faithful, humble 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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