

December 2022

LEA SERVICE AWARD

Russell Haug

**For service to Lutheran education
1986 – 2022**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Russell Haug to Lutheran Education for 37 years.

Russell has been a much-loved member of the Health & Physical Education Department at St Peters since 1986. He has taught Health & Physical Education at the College across all year levels. At the same time, he has passionately served this community across a number of different sporting disciplines, including sports coaching and administration. In addition to these roles, Russell has delivered effective and engaging pastoral care to over a thousand students in his 37 years.

Russell commenced at St Peters in 1986 and quickly engrossed himself in the life of the College. Contributing to the Health & Physical Education and Sports Departments with his knowledge and passion for sporting excellence and healthy living. Russell's love of coaching and his ability to bring the best out of his athletes quickly built his reputation within both QGSSSA and the now AIC sporting competitions. Russell has successfully coached across softball, cricket, rugby, athletics and swimming, with the teams winning multiple premierships from Juniors through to Open and 1st Teams level. Coupled with his coaching successes is his leadership of Cunningham House for 13 years. Throughout his leadership, Cunningham House has set a very high standard of achievement, participation, support and collegiality. They have won the House Shield numerous times at swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals. Through his many and varied roles, Russell has been responsible for the care and development of St Peters students. To this end Russell has given 110% to all that he's done and has always put the needs of his students as people first and foremost. This standard of excellence and servant nature established Russell as a much sought after teacher and coach by the students.

One of Russell's legacies has been his influence on the swimming success of St Peters. Russell has spent countless hours teaching his young students more than just how to swim. Russell has given them a love for swimming that has seen many transitions into the St Peters Western Club and onto the highest accolades in the sport. Russell has spent time before school, after school and weekends on the pool deck and in the water, fostering a love for swimming within the students. True to Russell's personality, he has never sought the spotlight for all this work, instead promoting his athletes towards success and the College towards results.

Russell's deep Christian faith is evident in all that he does. His servant nature is constantly on display for colleagues and students to witness. Russell is always the first to put up his hand to help someone in need. This example of Christ's servant nature is undeniable to all who have received a helping hand from Russell.

Russell'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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